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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Washington College: Middle Hall, East Hall, West Hall

AND/OR COMMON

Hill Dormitories - Washington College

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER West side of Washington Avenue (Maryland Route 213)
on the South side of College Lane

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Kent

CODE

029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

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☐ PUBLIC
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PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
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☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ PARK
☒ EDUCATIONAL
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY
☒ OTHER

Dormitories

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Visitors and Governors of Washington College, Attention: Dr. Joseph H. McLain,
President or George E. Hayward

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Clerks Office

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
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CITY, TOWN

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Middle, East, and West Halls stand on the crest of a low hill (the terrace) at the center of the Washington College campus. The slope to the south (front) is landscaped with large trees and a flight of steps lined with shrubs leading up to the entrance of Middle Hall.

Middle Hall, built in 1844, is the largest of the three brick structures--57'2" x 45'3". It is three stories tall and five bays wide by four deep; it sits on a raised basement of coursed granite blocks. The brick walls are laid in all stretcher bond. It has a hip roof covered with standing seam metal. Early drawings and photographs show that the building had a large cupola at the peak of the roof, removed some time after 1936. Four large, original chimneys have also been removed.

The south facade contains the main entrance in the central bay. A flight of wooden steps leads up to an entrance porch; both have brick foundations. The porch has two chamfered square columns on either side at the front and a pilaster on either side of the entrance. Iron pipe railings replace wooden railings visible in photographs taken in 1936. The porch has a flat roof.

The entrance has a six-panel door with sidelights and a diamond-pattern transom. The surround is flat with roundels in the corners. Above the entrance is a three-part window with 6/6 sash flanked by narrow 2/2 sash. The other windows have 6/6 sash; all have flat arches and stone sills. There are two basement windows on either side of the entrance; these are shorter than the sash above, and several of them are boarded up. The central basement bay on the rear contains a modern door.

The building has a flat board cornice containing small, horizontal windows above the bays below. There is a strip of molding on the cornice below the windows.

The rear facade has a "scar" in the brickwork where an entrance porch, door, and steps were removed in 1956. A window replaces the door.

East and West Halls were built in 1854 flanking Middle Hall. They are smaller, but similar stylistically to Middle Hall. Both are 36'1" x 50'4", three stories tall and three bays wide. East Hall is six bays deep while West Hall is only five. They are also laid in all stretcher bond on a raised basement of coursed granite block. The hip roofs on these buildings have a very shallow pitch, unlike that on Middle Hall. They have bracketed cornices.

The south facades both have a central doorway with entrance porch. The porches have two chamfered square columns and two pilasters, otherwise they resemble that on Middle Hall. (All three buildings have painted board signs on the fascia of the porch giving the names of the buildings.) Each entrance has a six-panel door, sidelights, and transom. The windows on the first and second stories have 6/6 sash, flat arches, and sandstone sills. The third story windows on East Hall have arches and sills like the others, but the sash have only 3/3 lights. Both buildings have basement windows with stone lintels and 6/6 sash shorter than those above, although several windows on the sides extend above the basement and have brick lintels and 9/6 sash on East Hall and 6/6 on West Hall. There is a door in the second basement bay from the front on the east facade of East Hall.

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The north (rear) facades of these two structures have doors opening onto fire escapes. These are flanked by windows, which are blocked up on the first floor of West Hall. There is no opening in the central basement bay on this facade of West Hall. In the same location on East Hall is a 3/6 window.

The interiors of all three buildings were renovated in 1956. Still used as dormitories, they have metal stairs and some new partitions. Trim survives around unaltered doors and windows.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1844, 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Elija Reynolds

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1723, the Maryland General Assembly authorized each county to purchase land for schools. In 1728 the Visitors of Kent County purchased 100 acres from Simon Wilmer and his wife, Darcus, for 50 pounds.¹ Visitors appointed for Kent County were the Reverend Richard Sewell, the Reverend Alexander Williamson, James Harris, Esq., Colonel Edward Scot, Mr. Gideon Pearce, Mr. Lambert Wickes, and Mr. James Smith. The Kent County School began in 1730, and one of its early headmasters was Charles Peale, father of noted artist Charles Wilson Peale.

Kent County School prospered, having attracted boarding students from some distances. In 1782 the Reverend Dr. William Smith, former Provost of the College of Philadelphia, was named principal of Kent County School. Under his leadership, the Visitors petitioned the General Assembly for a corporate charter to establish "...a college or place of universal learning with the usual privileges..."²

Washington College, chartered on May 24, 1782, is Maryland's oldest college. It is the only private college on Maryland's Eastern Shore and holds the distinction of having been named after George Washington with his expressed consent. Washington contributed the sum of 50 guineas to the original endowment, later served as a Visitor and Governor (trustee), and was granted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1789.

Under its founding President, William Smith, the college began construction of its first building in 1783. Named "Common Building" and completed in 1789, it was destroyed by fire on January 11, 1827. Common Building was composed of three connected units extending 160 feet and reaching a four-story height of 53 feet. It cost \$28,000 to build, \$20,000 of which came from a lottery sanctioned by the State General Assembly in 1784.³ Until the building was erected, it is assumed that classes were held in various town buildings. The contractor for Common Building was a Philadelphian named Robert Allison. The structure itself was one of the largest collegiate buildings of that era.

Middle Hall (1844) and East and West Halls (1854) hold a special place in the history of Washington College in that they are the oldest surviving campus buildings and serve as monuments to the original Common Building, whose site they occupy.

Middle Hall, as it came to be called is the largest of three buildings. It was an idea long before it was built. In 1833, under President Richard Williamson Ringgold, a native of Kent County and alumnus of Princeton, the Visitors and Governors of Kent County resolved to build a college building on the parcel of land occupied until six years earlier by Common Building. A committee of three was appointed to secure estimates and plans for a suitable building to be built at a cost of not more than

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\$6,000.⁴ The committee urged the acceptance of plans put together with the help of Mr. Burchinall, a builder from Chestertown. The plans called for:

A two-story house, sixty feet by forty, a cellar under the whole house to be eight feet high in the clear, four feet of it below and four feet above the ground. The first story to be twelve feet high in the clear, to have an entry or passage through the center of the building twelve feet wide, and two rooms of equal size on each side of the entry, the adjoining rooms to be connected by a large folding or sliding doors, and a fireplace in each room. The second story to be ten feet in the clear and in all respects the same as in the first story. A stairway from the cellar to the garrett. In the first and second stories the stairway to be in the entry.⁵

After nearly ten years of debate, further investigations, financial stress, and a few resignations of members, the Visitors and Governors finally agreed in 1844 to follow the Burchinall plans and to begin construction on the building. Mr. Elija Reynolds of Baltimore was selected as the general contractor.

On May 4, 1844, ceremonies were held to mark the laying of the cornerstone in Middle Hall and the festivities on "College Hill" were reported in the Kent (County) News. A zinc box containing a copy of the Charter of the College, the names of faculty and the Visitors and Governors, various newspapers of the day and national coins, was placed in the corner stone. The inscription on the cornerstone on the southeast corner reads as follows:

Founded 1783
Destroyed by Fire 1827
Rebuilt in 1844

During construction of Middle Hall, the building plans underwent many revisions at the request of the Visitors and Governors. For example, Mr. Reynolds was asked to construct a roof over the large cupola atop the building and to erect a lightning rod with a gold point. Reynolds was also asked to install blinds in the attic windows before being given his final payment after construction was completed. Benjamin F. Green, Vice Principal and Professor of Washington College, designed and oversaw the landscaping of the terrace on which Middle Hall, East, and West Halls stand. The first classes were held in Middle Hall in fall, 1845.

In 1854, ten years after Middle Hall opened, construction began on East Hall and West Hall. Crowding of boarding students in the four attic rooms of Middle Hall (then called the Nursery, the Apple Orchard, the Grogg and St. Peters), and an

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anticipated enrollment increase encouraged the Board of Visitors and Governors to seek plans and cost estimates for a new building or buildings. Again Elija Reynolds, architect for Middle Hall, was called from Baltimore. He appeared before the Board on March 16, 1854, with several plans of buildings and estimates of cost.

Mr. Reynolds was asked to prepare plans for two buildings, one to be located to the east and one to the west of the existing building. Contractors were asked to bid on the Reynolds plans and Mr. Ringgold of Millington, low bidder, was awarded the construction contract. Ringgold suggested some changes for the front of the buildings and these were accepted, but were the only deviations allowed from the Reynolds plans.

In an effort to conserve construction funds, a committee was sent to Locust Point, near Baltimore, to see Mr. H.F. Smith who had developed a brick-making machine.⁶ Smith's machine made five bricks at a time and was powered by a horse. The committee returned and urged the Board to sign an agreement with Smith for use of his machine.

An operator was provided by Mr. Smith and other arrangements were made to help insure that the brick-making process ran smoothly. Evidently problems occurred in the process, forcing the Board to arrange to purchase Baltimore brick for the fronts of East and West Halls, and later, for the north ends of the buildings and for the east side of East Hall.

The new halls had lecture rooms on the second floors and living quarters on the third floors. Two MacGregor furnaces were purchased from the Baltimore firm of Robbins and Bibb to heat the buildings, but they proved unsatisfactory and the company took them back. The new buildings also provided much needed library space. In 1856 Dr. Francis Waters, the principal of the college, and his family occupied a portion of the East building. A faculty member and his family lived in the West buildings. Years later the north end room in West Hall was considered the gymnasium and contained weight lifting equipment. None of the three buildings contained any plumbing facilities until 1890, when limited plumbing was installed.

It is interesting to note that no record can be found of a celebration of special ceremony being held when East Hall and West Hall were completed in 1854. They were the last buildings to be built until 1897, when Normal Hall or Ladies Hall, a building to accommodate thirty female boarding students, was opened.

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SPECIAL CREDIT

Mr. Frederick W. Dumschott, an alumnus of Washington College, Class of 1927, and Vice President Emeritus, is hereby given special credit, recognition, and thanks for his well prepared "History of Washington College," currently being written and edited and from which came much of the material presented in this paper.

¹Land Records: Liber 3, Folio 601, Kent County Courthouse.

²Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1782, Chapter VIII.

³Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, August 3, 1784.

⁴Minutes of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, August 9, 1833.

⁵Ibid., February 12, 1834.

⁶Ibid., April 29, 1854.

See note at the end of #8, Significance Statement.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George E. Hayward, Vice President for Development

ORGANIZATION

Washington College

DATE

June 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Washington and Campus Avenues

TELEPHONE

(301) 778-2800 x 276

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____

STATE ____

LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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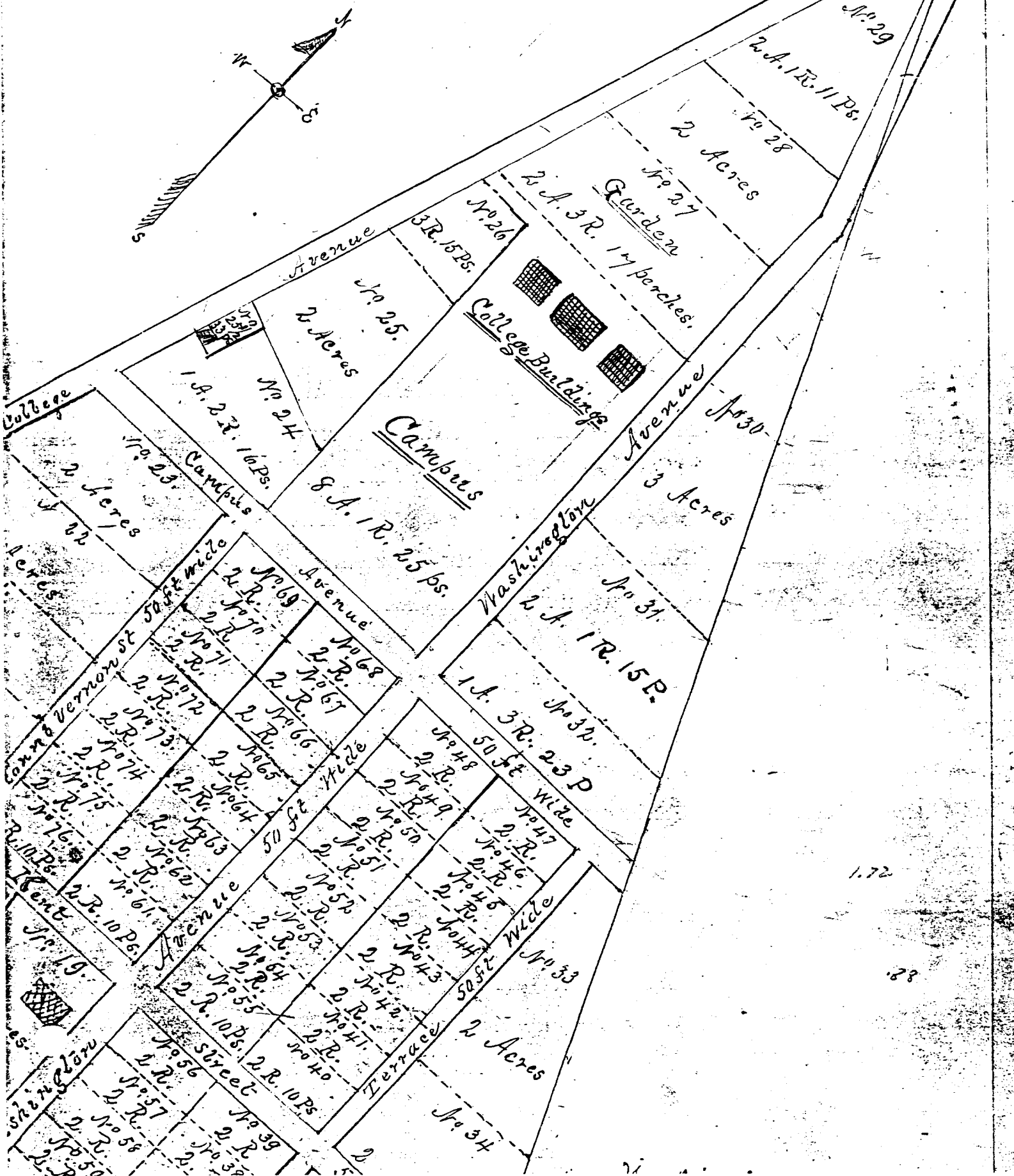
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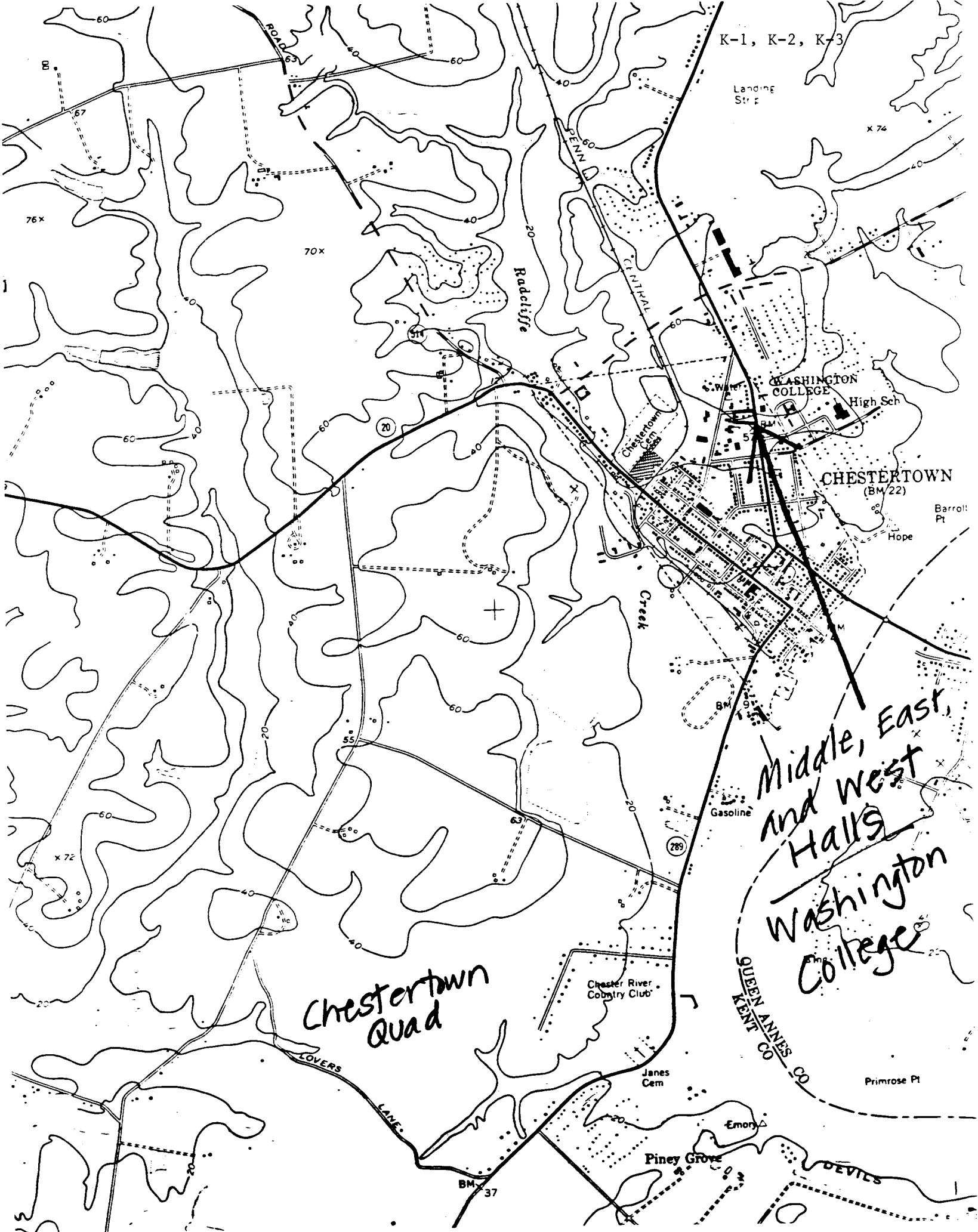
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CENTRAL

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

High Sch

CHESTERTOWN (BM/22)

Barroll Pt

Hope

Creek

Gasoline

Middle, East, and West Halls Washington College

Chestertown Quad

Chester River Country Club

James Cem

Piney Grove

QUEEN ANNE'S CO
KENT CO

Primrose Pt

Emory

DEVILS

BM 37



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Middle

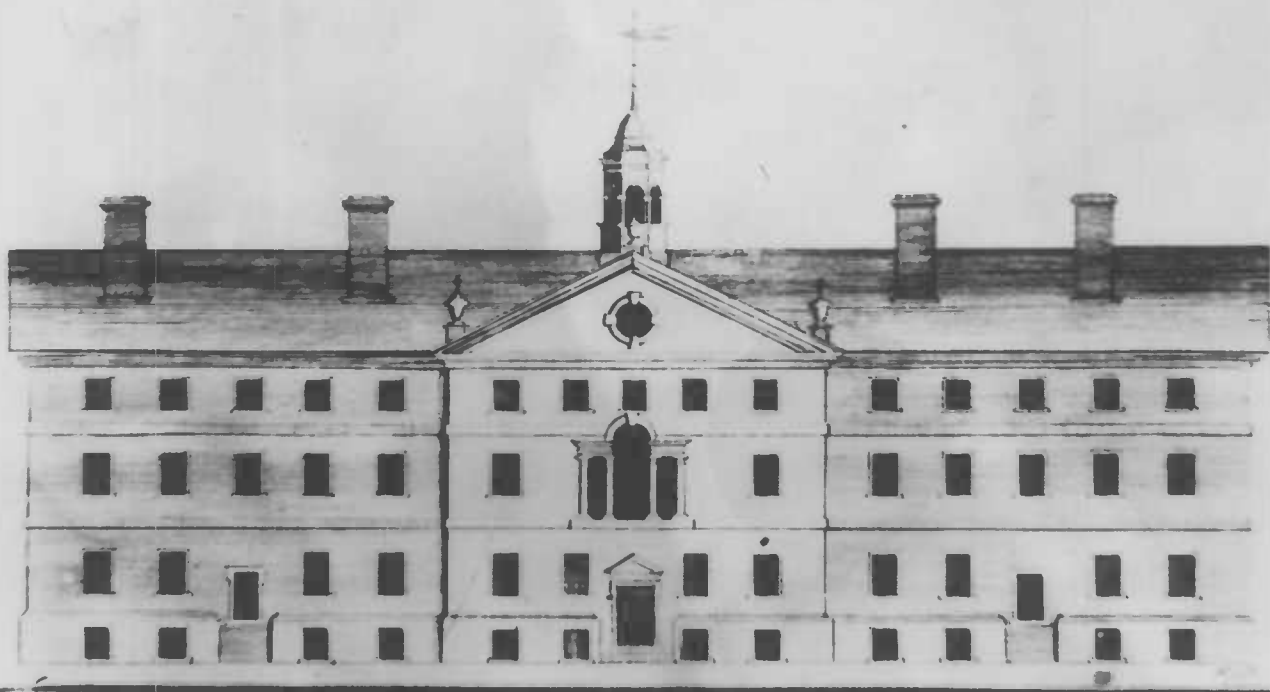
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87 - - PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL BUILDING AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

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EASTERN SHORE

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Washington College

Credit to State Roads Commission



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WASHINGTON COLLEGE - KENT COUNTY. KAREN SAOR 240

K-12 Middle Hall
Washington College

1844

Chestertown

private

Perhaps the only full-fledged Greek Revival building in Chestertown, Washington College's Middle Hall is the oldest standing structure on the campus. It was designed and built by Elijah Reynolds. Its principal architectural feature of interest is the white frieze-like attic which runs around the entire building just below the cornice. The building has lost the wood balusters which decorated its porch, had its sidelights boarded up, and lost a cupola it ^{may have} ~~presumably~~ picked up later in the century, but is otherwise in original form on the exterior. Its interior has been radically altered and student proofed.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MHT # 15800 11402

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Middle College

K-1

1683

AND/OR COMMON

Middle Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Washington College campus

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

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___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

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___ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER dormitory

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Washington College

Telephone #: 778-2800

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: SB 4

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

"Washington College Lands" Marion Dek. Smith, surveyor

DATE

October 9, 1882

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Plot included with description of lands on deed.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
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☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

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☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Middle Hall is the central structure in a three-building cluster which faces south toward the downtown area of Chestertown from the crest of high ground at the center of the main Washington College campus.

As it stands today, Middle Hall is a brick 2½-story building with a low hip roof, built basically in the Greek Revival style. It is five bays wide and four deep. There is a high basement of cut granite. Above the basement is all stretcher brick with thin mortar joints.

There is a square-columned portico with wood steps, one story high in the middle bay. Its handrail and newel posts, ~~formerly wood~~, ~~are now~~ hollow metal pipe. The portico has a plain box cornice and flat roof. There is a double door with a diamond-pane transom. The 3-pane sidelights have been boarded up.

All of the windows in the basement and on the first and second stories are 6/6 double hung sash. The first and second story windows have flat arches and limestone sills. The middle second story window on the facade is flanked by sidelights. Below a molded box cornice is a low "attic" painted white like a frieze which has five 3-pane windows, the middle one flanked by 1-pane sidelights. The frieze runs around the building, with four attic windows on each side elevation and five in the rear.

The low hip roof is of standing seam tin.

The building has been through several stages of mild renovation. At some relatively early stage the building picked up a cupola; that most removed in the 1950's. The 1950's renovation also replaced the wood handrails and balusters on the portico with metal pipe. The original interior arrangement has also been altered: in the late nineteenth century there were four 21-foot square rooms on each of the three floors. Now there are six rooms on the first floor, eight on the second, and eight on the third. The original wood floors have been covered with linoleum and the ceilings with accoustic tile.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Elipah Reynolds, architect, builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Middle Hall is a handsome restrained representative of its style, notable principally for its white freize-like attic. The only restoration it requires to bring it back to its proper significance as a work of architecture are its wood handrails and balusters on the portico.

Its significance to the history of the college is considerable. It is the oldest college structure in existence and is a monument to one of the principal turning points in the school's perilous early years. The original college building, completed in 1789--just seven years after the school's founding--occupied the same site until it burned to the ground in 1827. Some classes were held in buildings around the town between 1827 and the completion of the new "college building" (only name it had until its flanking sisters, East and West College were built in 1854, when it became Middle College), but no students were graduated.

In 1844, the college's Board of Visitors and Governors decided to get a building up to hold the faltering school together and let a contract almost immediately. The building was up in eight months. Faculty and students moved in at the turn of 1844-45, and a class was graduated in 1849, the first since the fire. It remained the only college building until 1854.

As far back as there is any written remembrance, the use of the building was as follows: the top floor housed borders; the second was allotted to the stewardess, except for the room in the northwest corner which served as a library; and the first floor contained two laboratories and two more rooms allotted to the stewardess. Students ate in the southwest corner of the basement, at one time one of college's two competing boarding rooms.

The building was converted entirely to dormitory use early in this century, the use it serves today.

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Archives of Washington College, Miller Library

Unpublished papers of F.W. Dumschott, who is preparing a history of the college.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

February, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

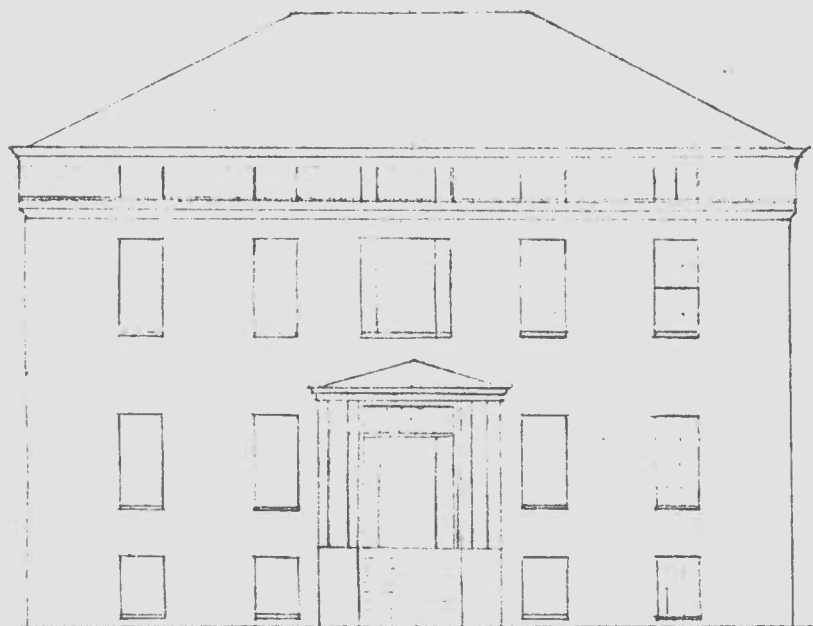
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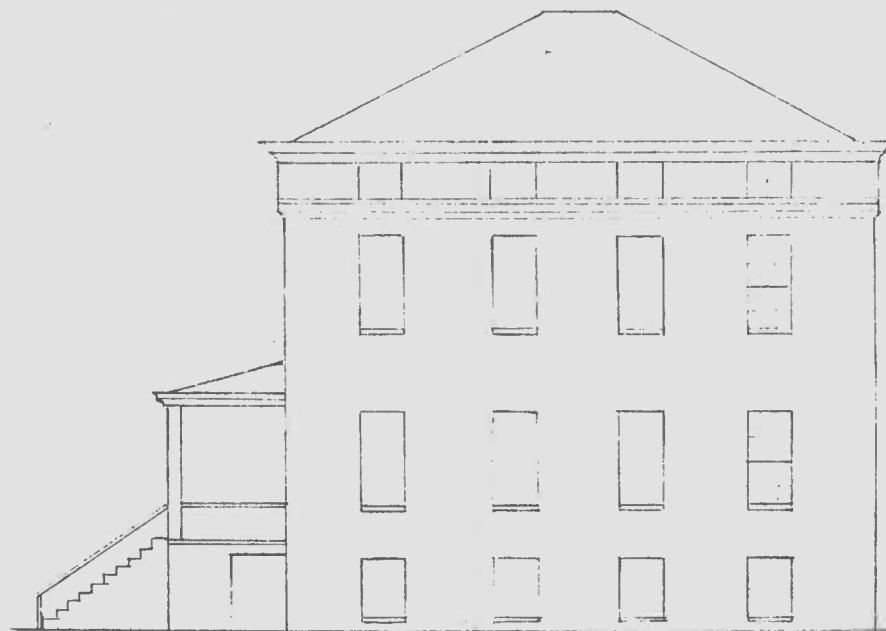
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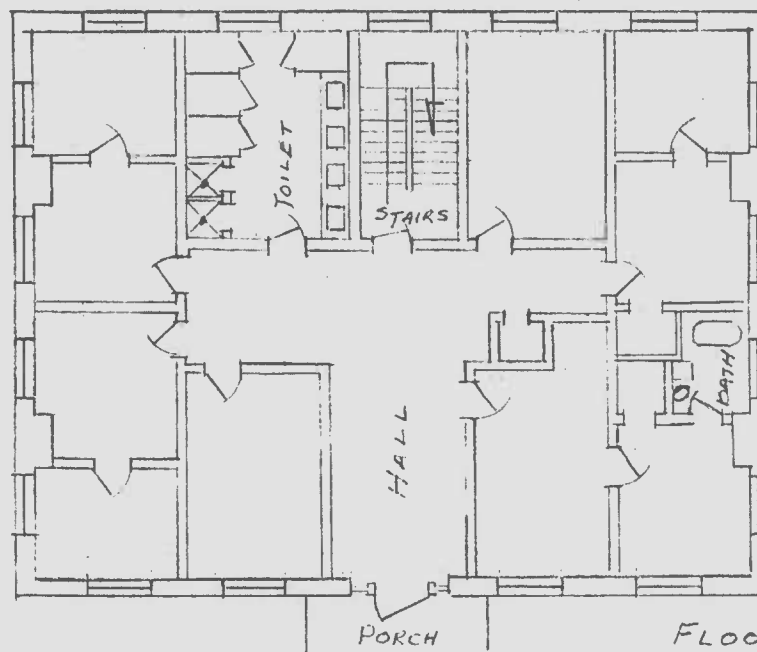
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EAST ELEVATION



PORCH

FLOOR PLAN

WASHINGTON COLLEGE
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

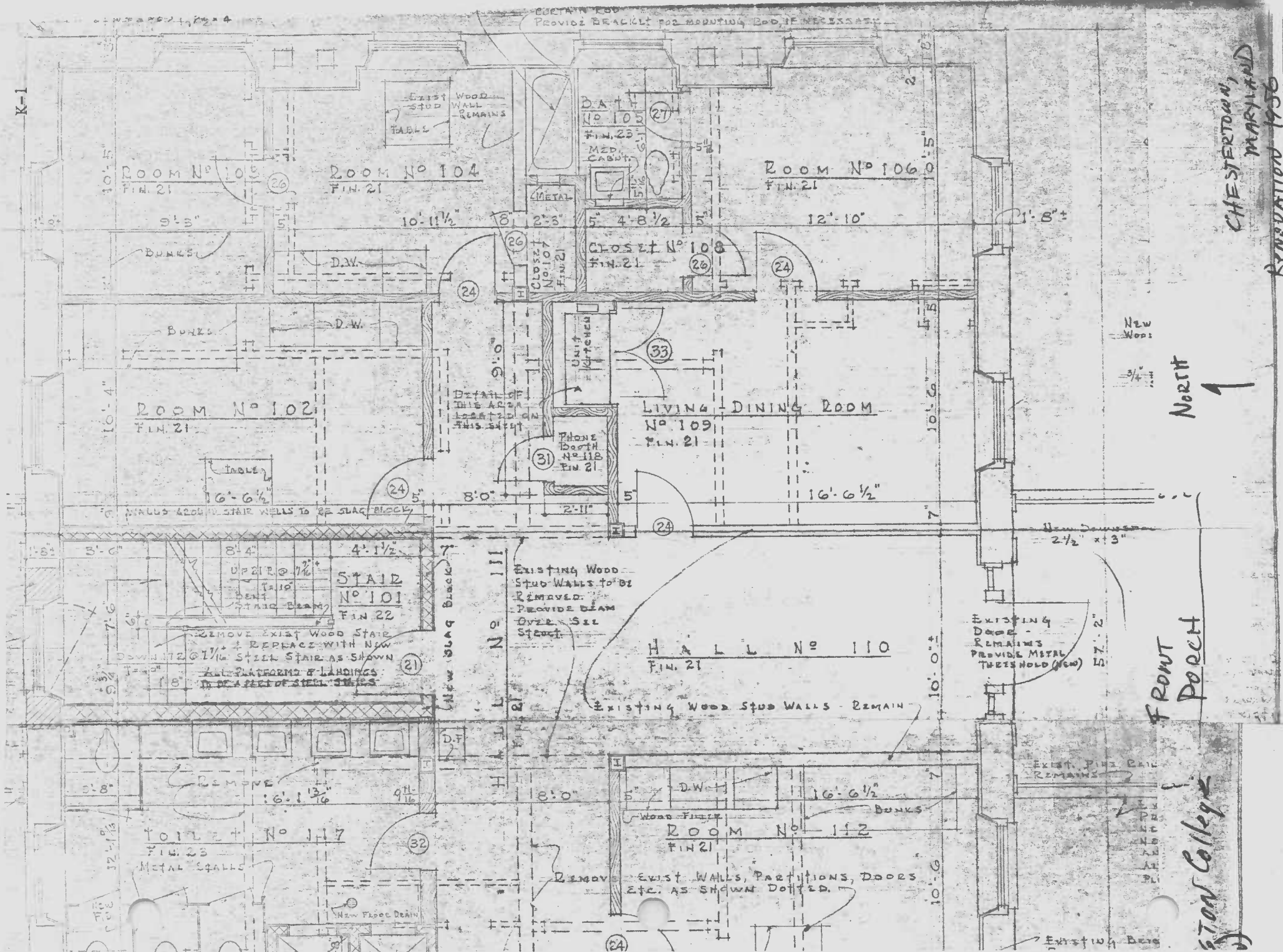
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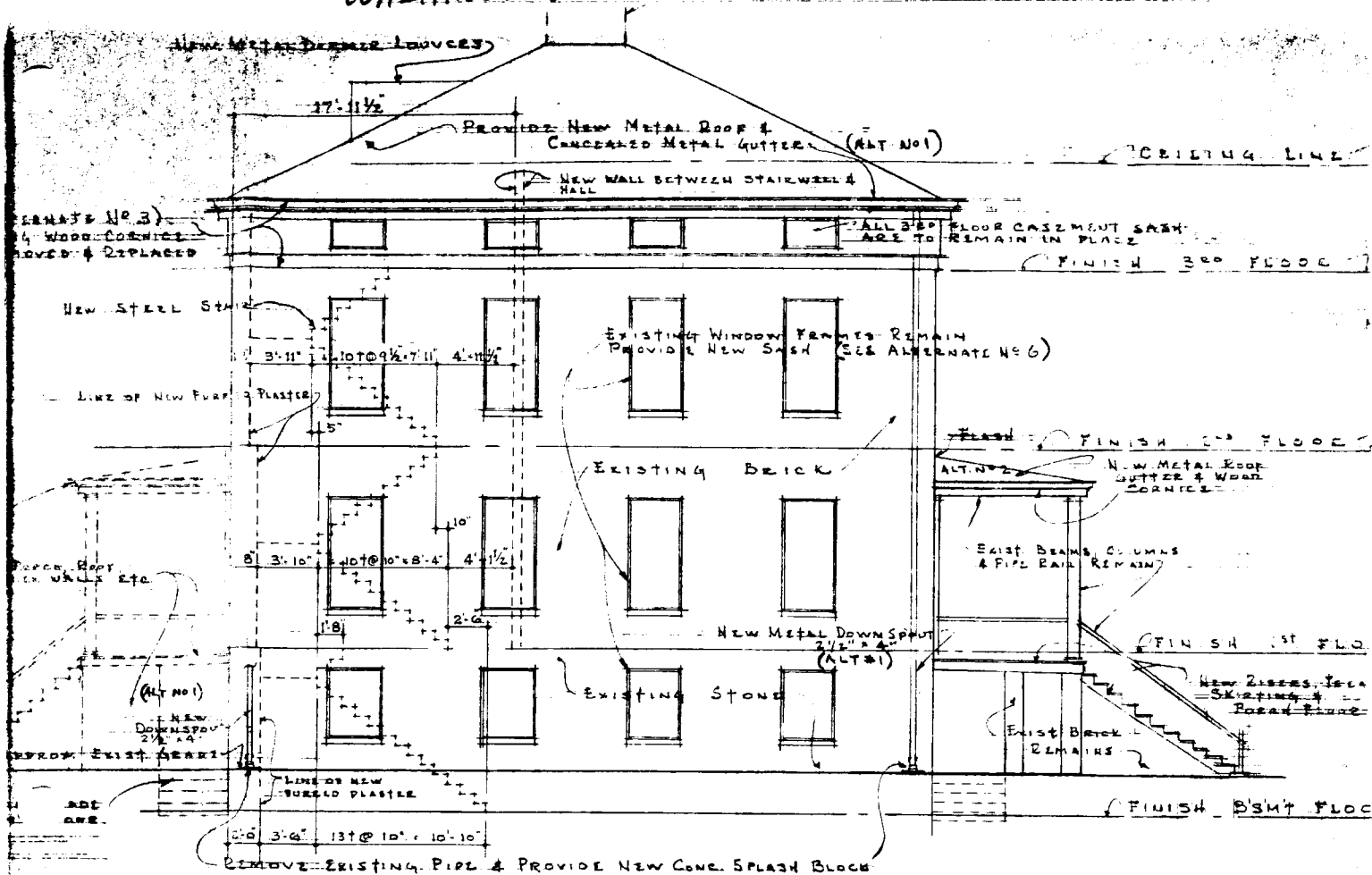
CHESTERTOWN,
MARYLAND
RENOVATION 1956

North
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STAN COLLEGE

MIDDLE HALL - WASHINGTON COLLEGE

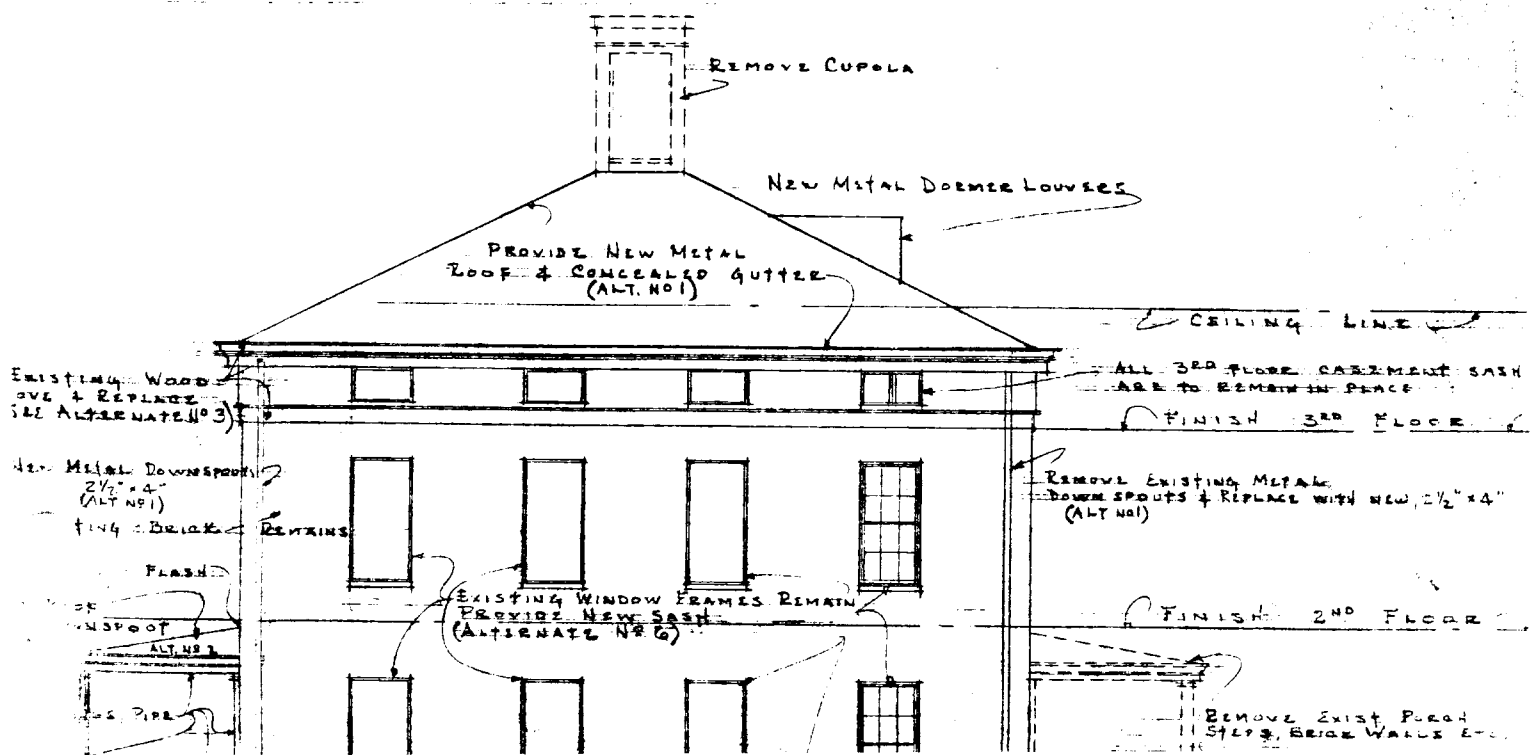


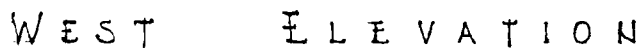
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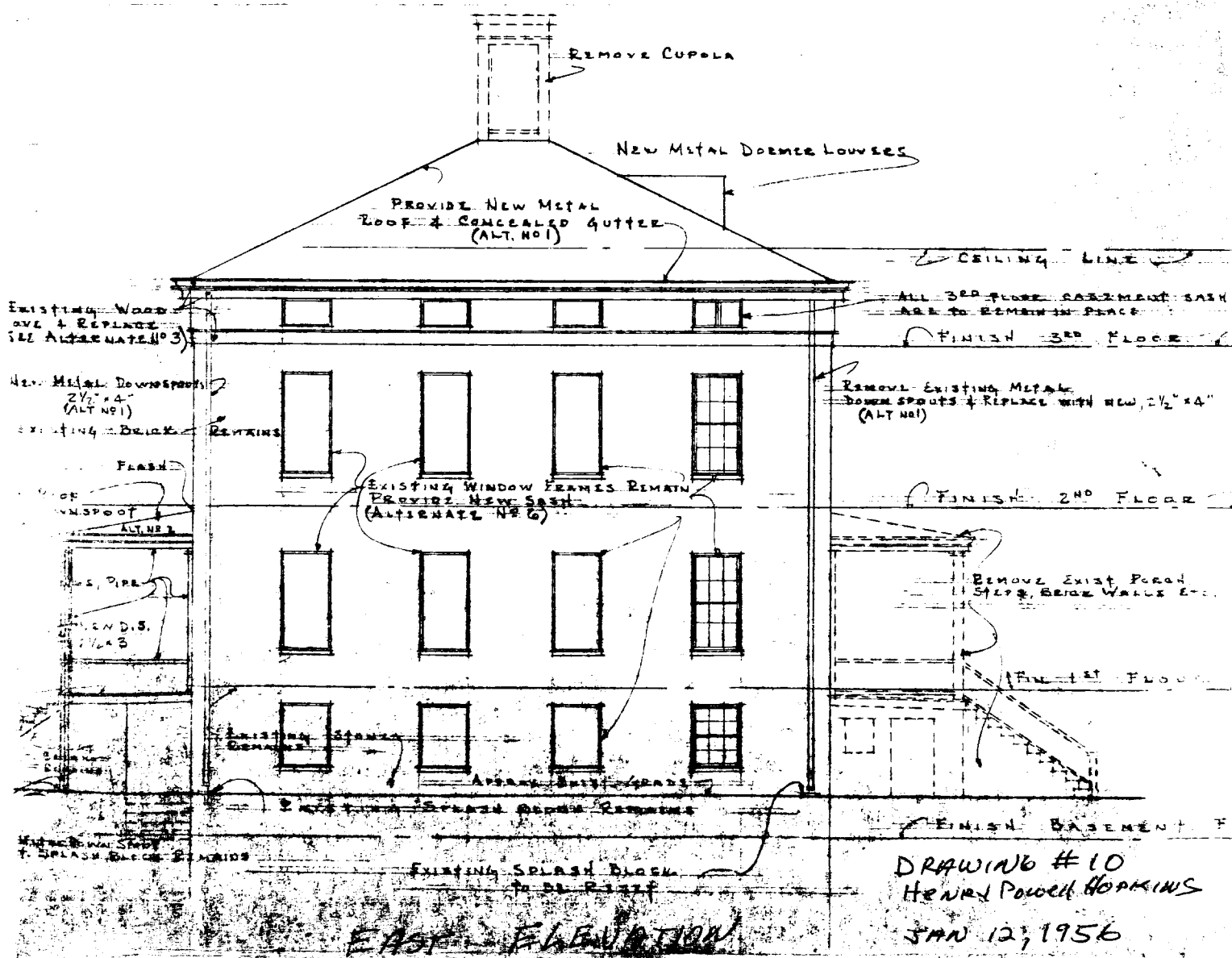
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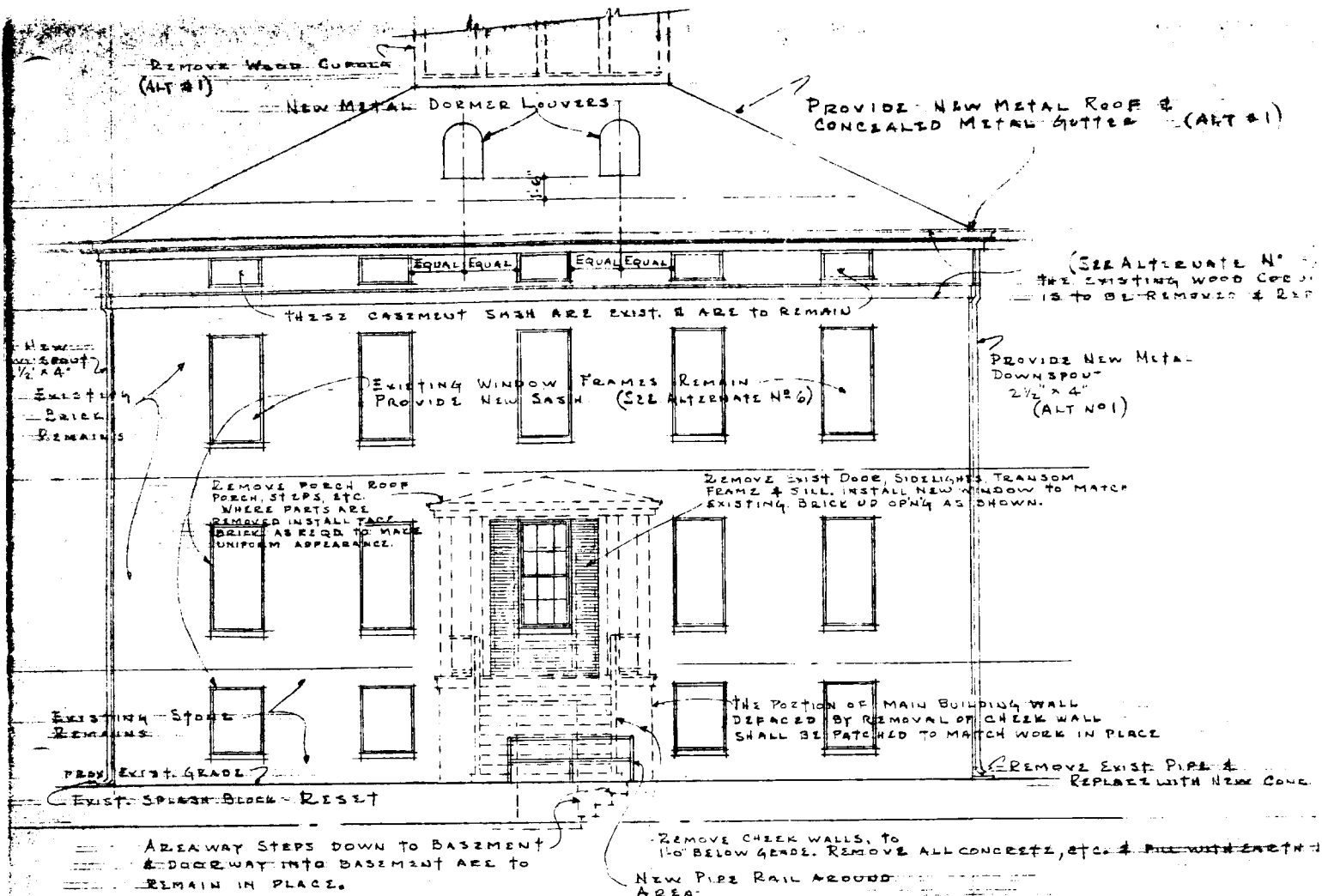


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MIDDLE HALL
WA. INOTON COLLEGE
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND 21620

6/27/78

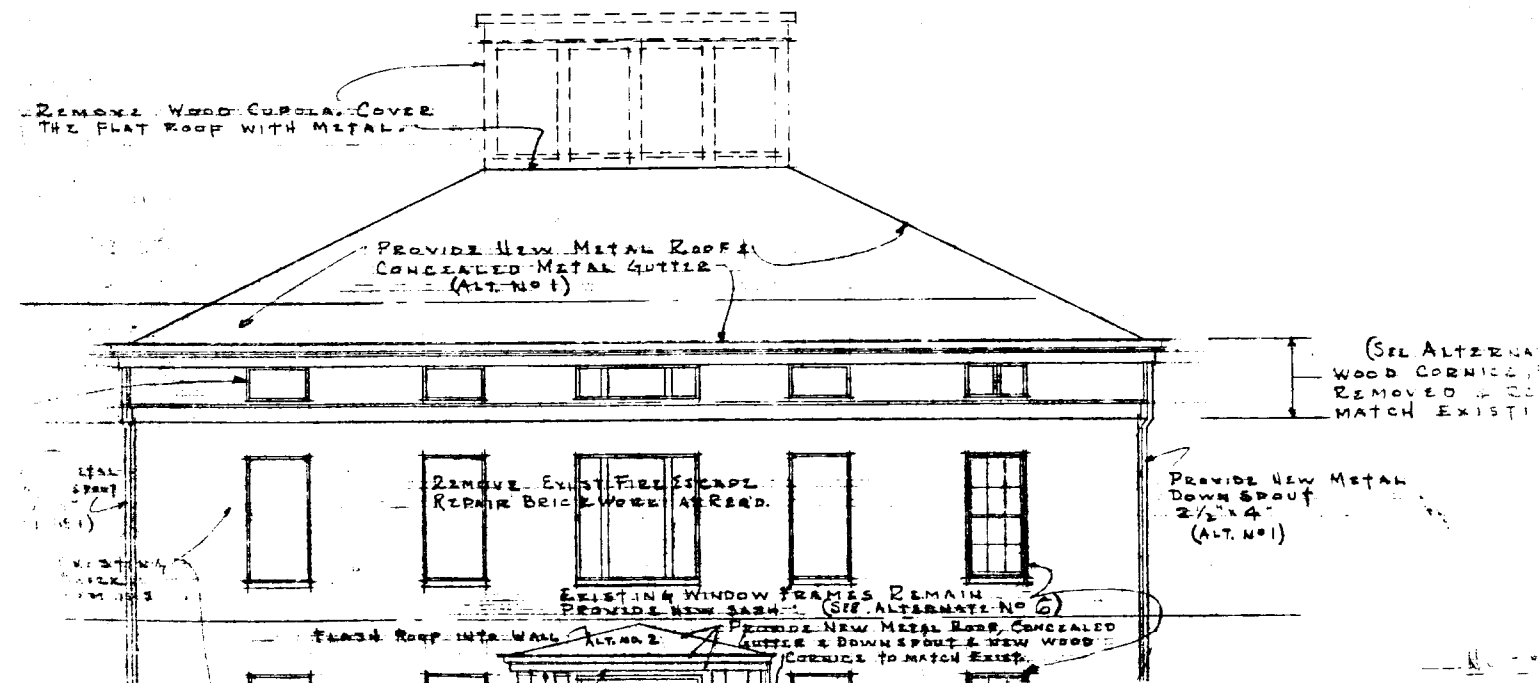
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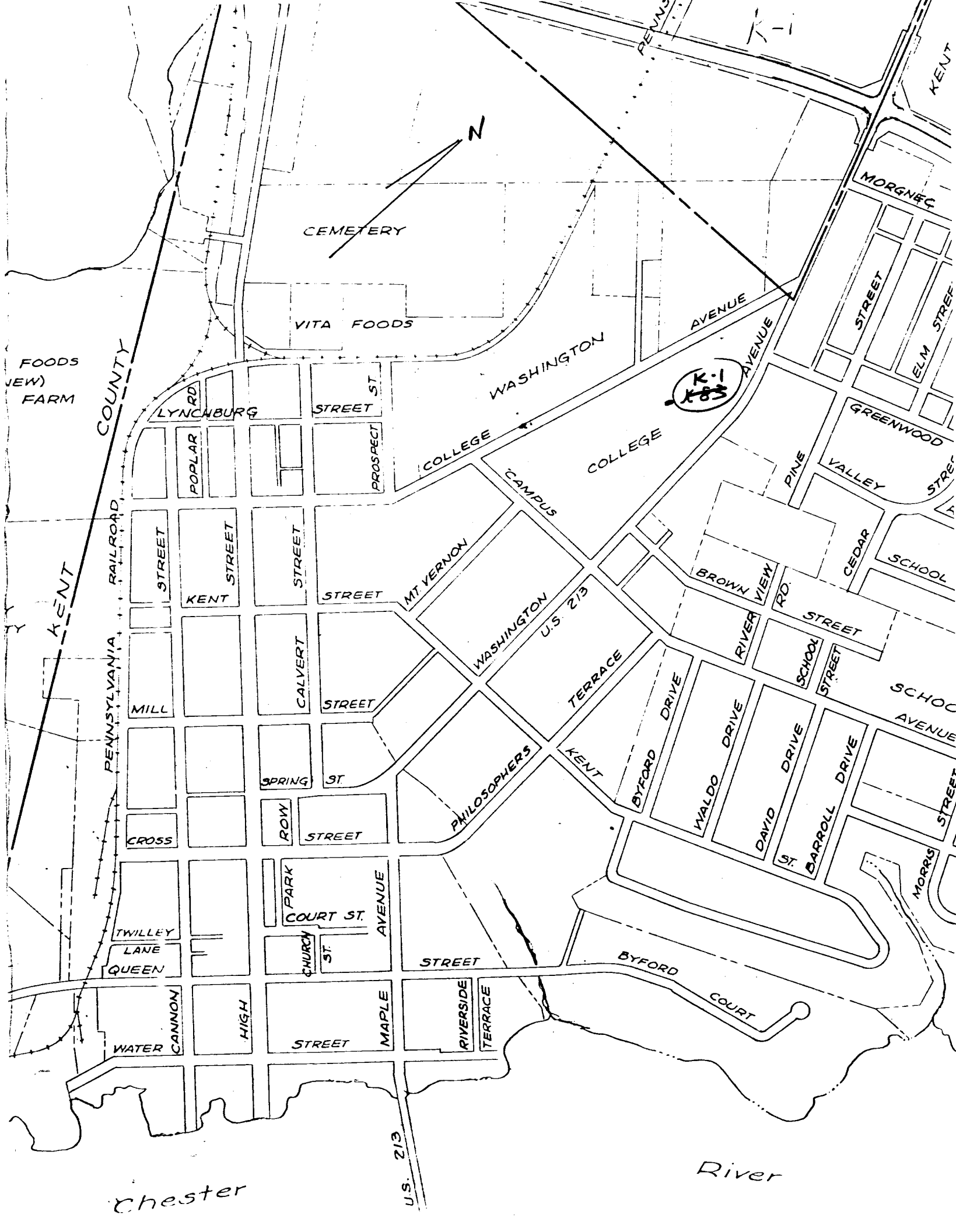
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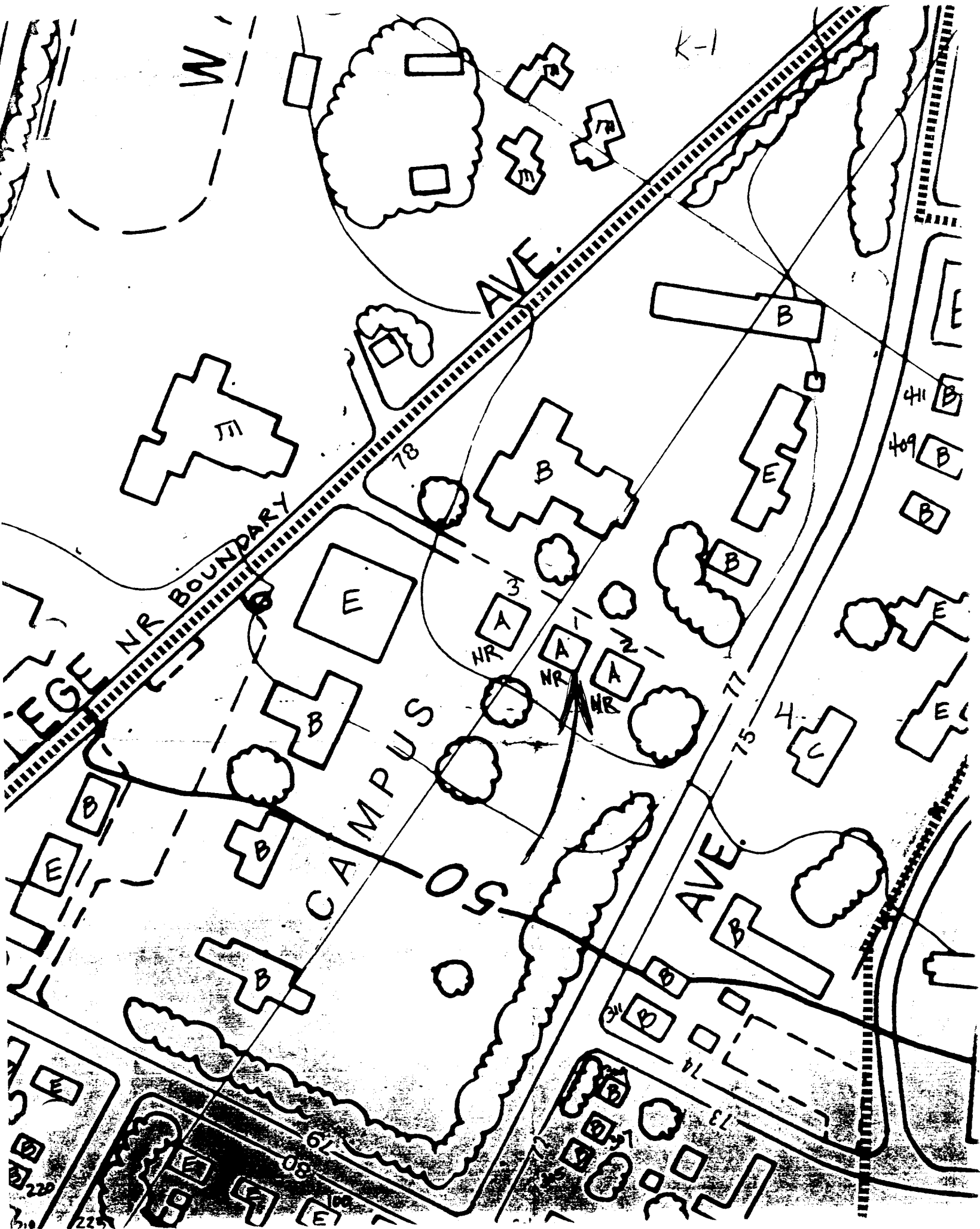
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NOT 2x12 END



51







Middle Hall

S W view

Oct 53

An Inman

~~K-1~~

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FOUNDED IN 1783.
DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1827
REBUILT IN 1844.

K-1

Middle Hall

Oct 93

Andrews



K-1 MIDDLE HALL, WASHINGTON COLLEGE

B-14-3



Middle Hall
Washington College
Chester town, Maryland

K-1

KLM

Second floor room

6/23/78



Middle Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

18-1

KLM

First floor entrance way

6/23/78



Middle Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

KLM

First floor apartment

6/23/78



Middle Hall
Washington College
Chester town, Maryland

KLM

Basement staircase

6/23/78

K-2 East Hall, Washington College

1854

Chestertown

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC "East College" (name it bore from 1854 until W. W. I) K-2
AND/OR COMMON East Hall ~~East Hall~~ K-2

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Washington College campus First
CITY, TOWN Chestertown VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER dormitory

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Washington College Telephone #: 778-2800
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Chestertown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE. Liber #: SB 4
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk, Kent County Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER Court House

CITY, TOWN Chestertown STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE "Washington College Lands" Marion deK. Smith, Surveyor

DATE October 9, 1882 ☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Plot included with description of lands in Liber SB4, Folio 224 above.

CITY, TOWN Chestertown STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

K-2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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It is a two and one-half story brick structure of no particular style, though it was obviously designed to fit harmoniously with the already existing slightly more elaborate (in its original form) and slightly larger Greek Revival style building, (Middle Hall, ~~renovated~~) immediately west of it. It has a high basement of cut granite. Above the basement is all stretcher brick with thin mortar joints. It is three bays wide and six bays deep. There is a square columned portico with wood steps; its handrails and newel posts are now of hollow metal pipe. The door leading to the portico is double with a transom and side-lights. The windows decrease in size from floor to floor; the third floor windows have three over three sash; the other windows are six over six. There are flat arches over the windows and limestone sills beneath. There is a ~~bracketed cornice~~ ^{standing seam} containing the gutter. The roof is a very low hip and is tin.
~~The flat arches over the windows have gauged brick.~~

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		college history	

SPECIFIC DATES Built: 1854 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown
 Renovated: late 1950's

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As it stands, East Hall's architectural significance is small, though if it were restored - along with its sister buildings, Middle and West Halls - the three building cluster would take on considerable interest as a study in mid-nineteenth century classical restraint.

East Hall's place in the history of the college is as its second oldest existing structure, a distinction it shares with West Hall, built in the same year. Both buildings were begun and completed under the administration of the schools' fourth president, Richard Ringgold, and dedicated by his successor, Reverend Dr. Francis Waters. East Hall served as the residence for the college president and for the vice-president and his family until just before the turn of the present century when several frame structures were built for administrative residences along the Washington Avenue side of the campus. At that time, or soon thereafter, East Hall was converted to a dormitory, the use it serves today.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert L. Neill, ~~Architectural~~ Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Chestertown/Maryland Historical Trust

Feb. 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chestertown

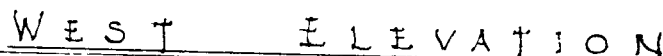
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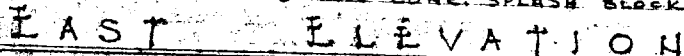
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SCALE $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0$

FTNG & NEW

Doct DISCHARGE -
S22 MECH.



Scale $\frac{1}{2}'' = 100'$

STAIR, WINDOW GUARDS, ETC. TO BE
CONSTRUCTED SIMILAR TO DETAIL
SHOWN ON DRWG. NO. 4.

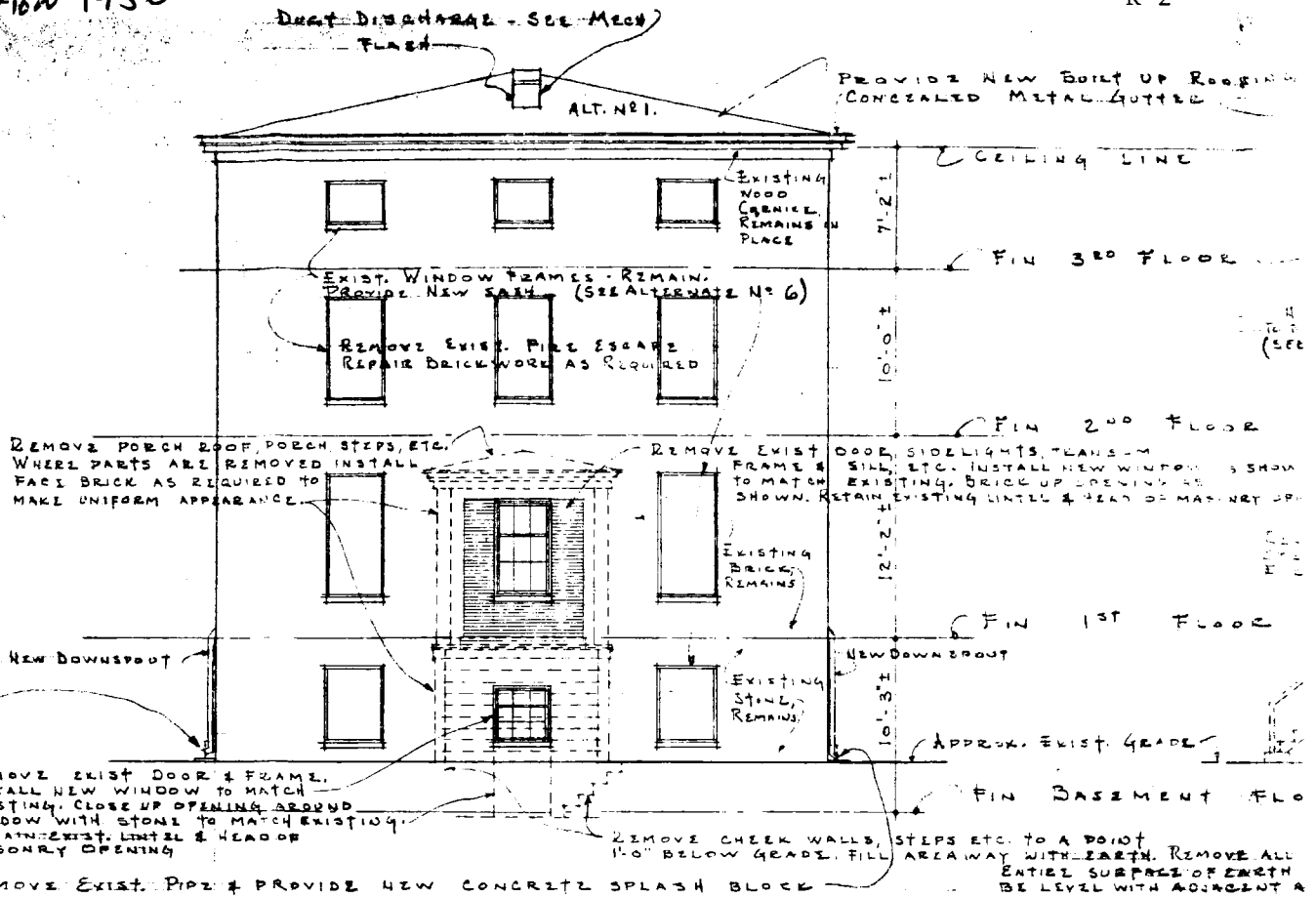
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EAST HALL - WASHINGTON COLLEGE
SIMILAR TO WEST HALL

CHESTER TOWN, N.J.
21620
6/20/79

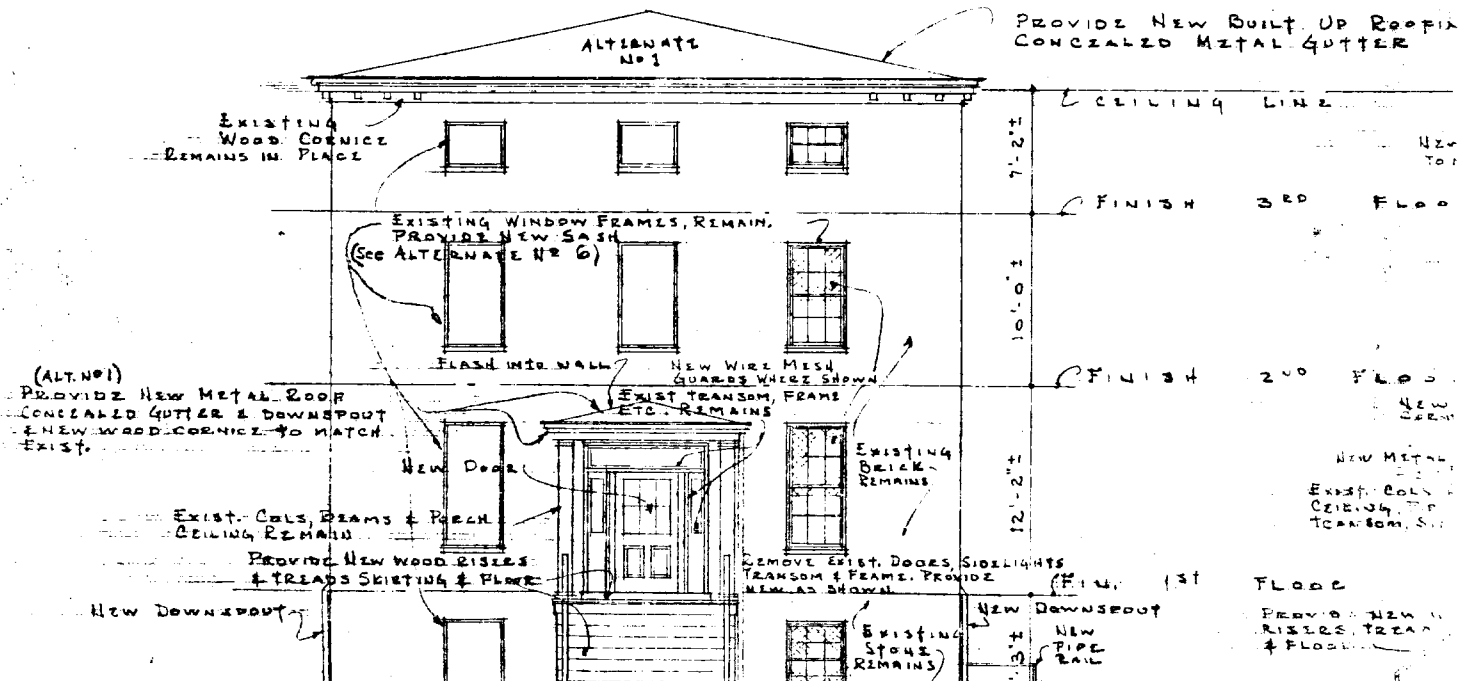
Renovation 1956

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NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



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FIN 2ND FLOOR

REMOVE PORCH ROOF, PORCH STEPS, ETC.
WHERE PARTS ARE REMOVED INSTALL
FACE BRICK AS REQUIRED TO
MAKE UNIFORM APPEARANCE

REMOVE EXIST. DOOR, SIDELIGHTS, TRANSOM
FRAME & SILL, ETC. INSTALL NEW WINDOW
EXISTING BRICK UP OPENING AS
SHOWN. RETAIN EXISTING UNTIL 4 FEET OF MASONRY UP

EXISTING
BRICK
REMAINS

FIN 1ST FLOOR

NEW DOWNSPOUT

NEW DOWNSPOUT

EXISTING
STILE
REMAINS

APPROX. EXIST. GRADE

FIN BASEMENT FLO

REMOVE EXIST. DOOR & FRAME.
INSTALL NEW WINDOW TO MATCH
EXISTING. CLOSE UP OPENING AROUND
WINDOW WITH STONE TO MATCH EXISTING
RETAIN EXIST. LINTEL & HEAD OF
MASONRY OPENING

REMOVE CHIEK WALLS, STEPS ETC. TO A POINT
1'-0" BELOW GRADE. FILL AREA WAY WITH EARTH. REMOVE ALL
ENTIRE SURFACE OF EARTH
BE LEVEL WITH ADJACENT A

REMOVE EXIST. PIPE & PROVIDE NEW CONCRETE SPLASH BLOCK

NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

No

ALTERNATE
NO 1

PROVIDE NEW BUILT UP ROOF
CONCEALED METAL GUTTER

EXISTING
WOOD CORNICE
REMAINS IN PLACE

CEILING LINE

EXISTING WINDOW FRAMES, REMAIN.
PROVIDE NEW SASH
(SEE ALTERNATE NO 6)

FINISH 3RD FLOOR

FLASH INTO WALL
NEW WIRE MESH
GUARDS WHERE SHOWN
EXIST. TRANSOM, FRAME
ETC. REMAINS

FINISH 2ND FLOOR

(ALT. NO 1)
PROVIDE NEW METAL ROOF
CONCEALED GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT
NEW WOOD CORNICE TO MATCH
EXIST.

NEW DOOR

EXISTING
BRICK
REMAINS

NEW METAL
EXIST. COLS
CEILING, TRANSOM, SILL

EXIST. COLS, BEAMS & PORCH
CEILING REMAIN

PROVIDE NEW WOOD RISERS
& TREADS SKirting & FLOOR

REMOVE EXIST. DOORS, SIDELIGHTS
TRANSOM & FRAME. PROVIDE
NEW AS SHOWN

FIN 1ST FLOOR

NEW DOWNSPOUT

NEW DOWNSPOUT

EXISTING
STONE
REMAINS

PROVIDE NEW
RISERS, TREADS
& FLOOR

APPROX. EXIST. GRADE

FIN Bsm't. FL

EXIST. STEPS, AREA REMAIN
SEE BSM'T. PLAN

EXIST. SPLASH BLOCK
TO BE RESET

REMOVE EXIST. PIPE & PROVIDE NEW CONC. SPLASH BLOCK

SOUTH ELEVATION

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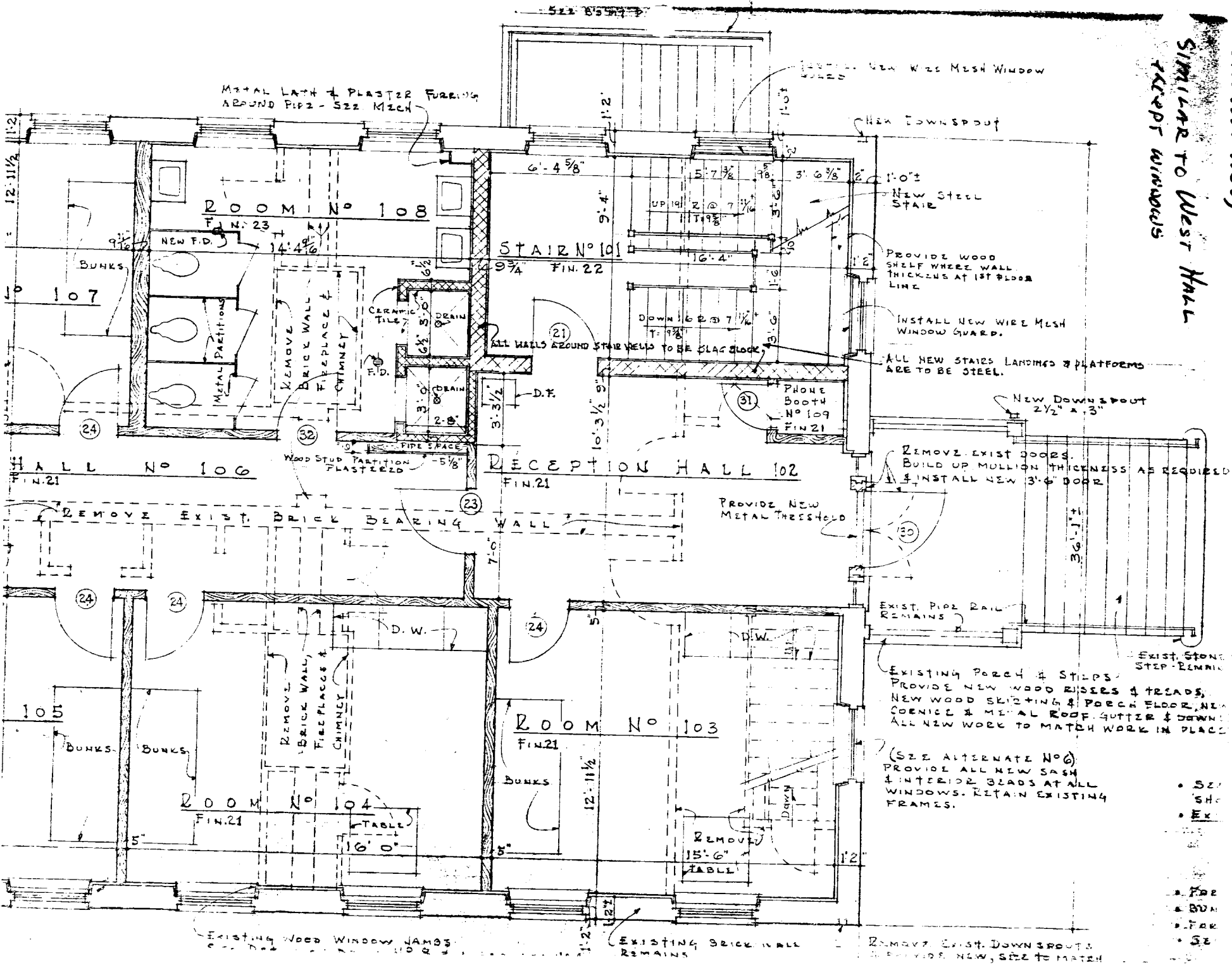
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WASHINGTON COLLEGE
(Renov. 1956)

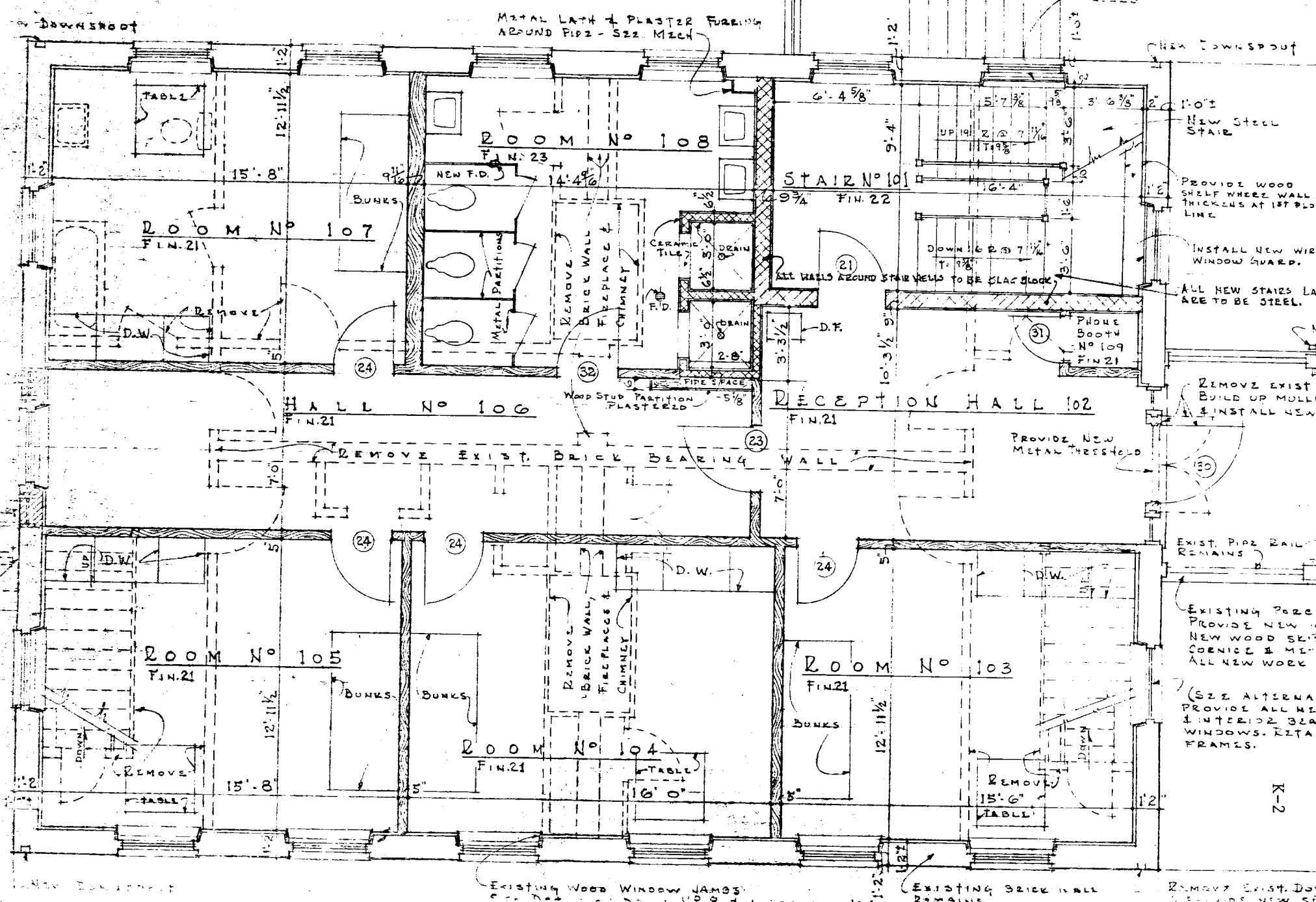
SIMILAR TO WEST HALL
KEEP WINDOWS

CHESTER TOWN, MARYL

K-2

6/20/28





METAL LATH & PLASTER FURRING
AROUND PIPE - SEE MECH

Philip Townsend

PROVIDE WOOD
SHELF WHERE WALL
THICKENS AT 1ST BLOCK
LINE

INSTALL NEW WIRE WINDOW GUARD.

ALL NEW STAIRS LAI
ARE TO BE STEEL.

REMOVE EXIST
BUILD UP MULL
INSTALL NEW

PROVIDE NEW
METAL THRESHOLD

EXIST. P102 RAIL
REMAINS)

EXISTING PORC
PROVIDE NEW
NEW WOOD SKI
CORNIC E & ME
ALL NEW WORK

1 (SEE ALTERNA
PROVIDE ALL NZ
1 INTERIOR 32A
WINDOWS. RITA
FRAMES.

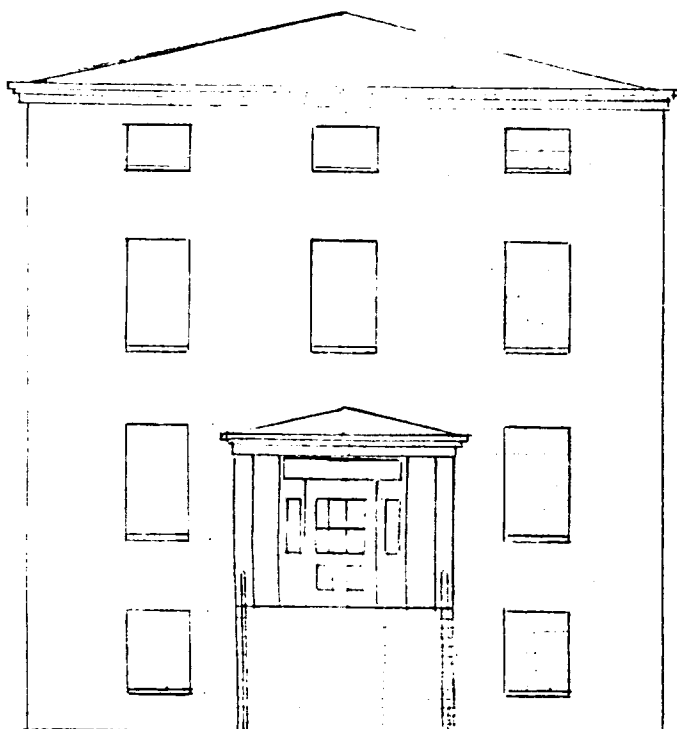
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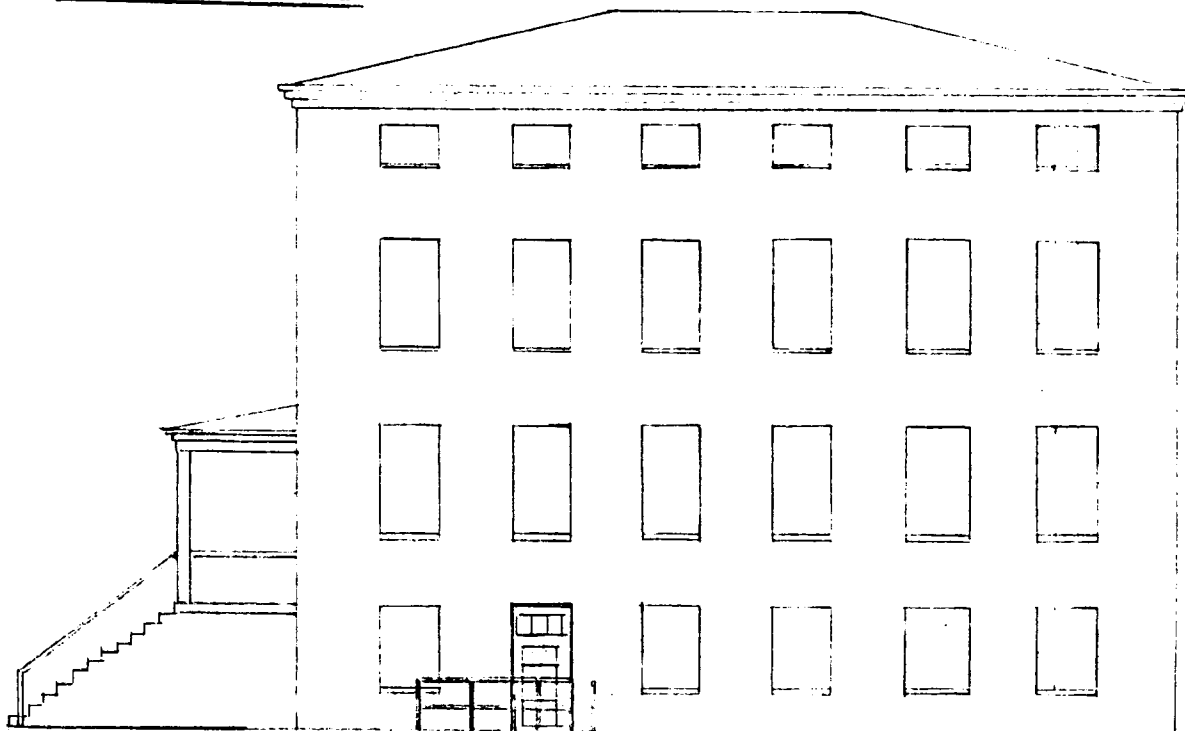
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REMAINS

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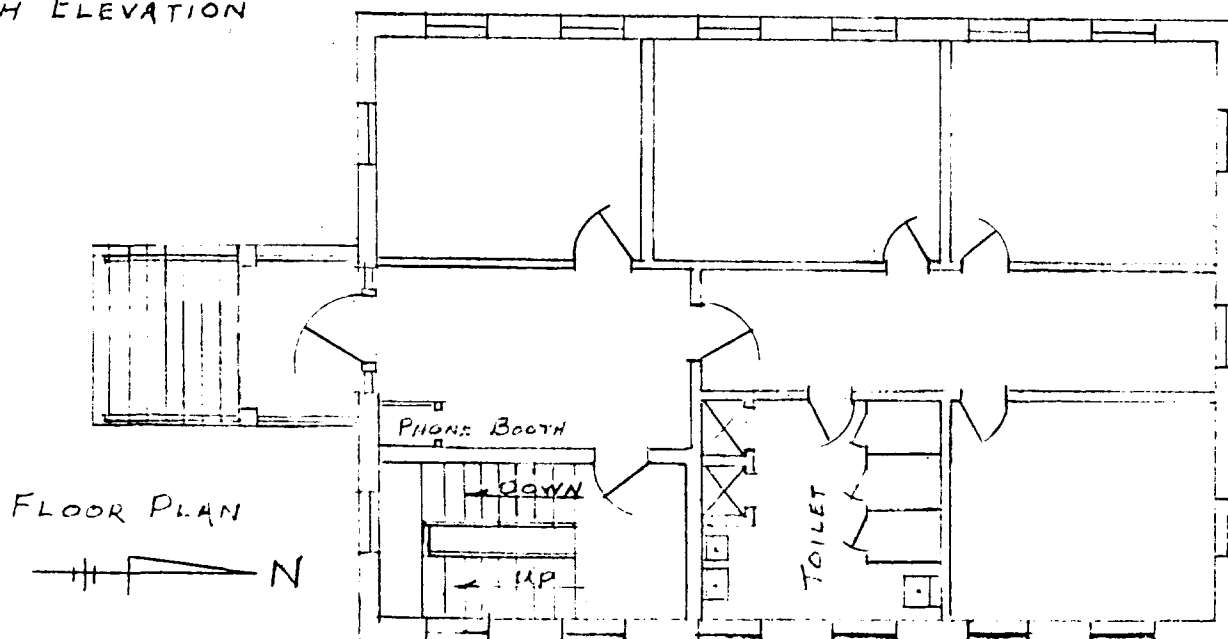
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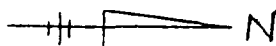
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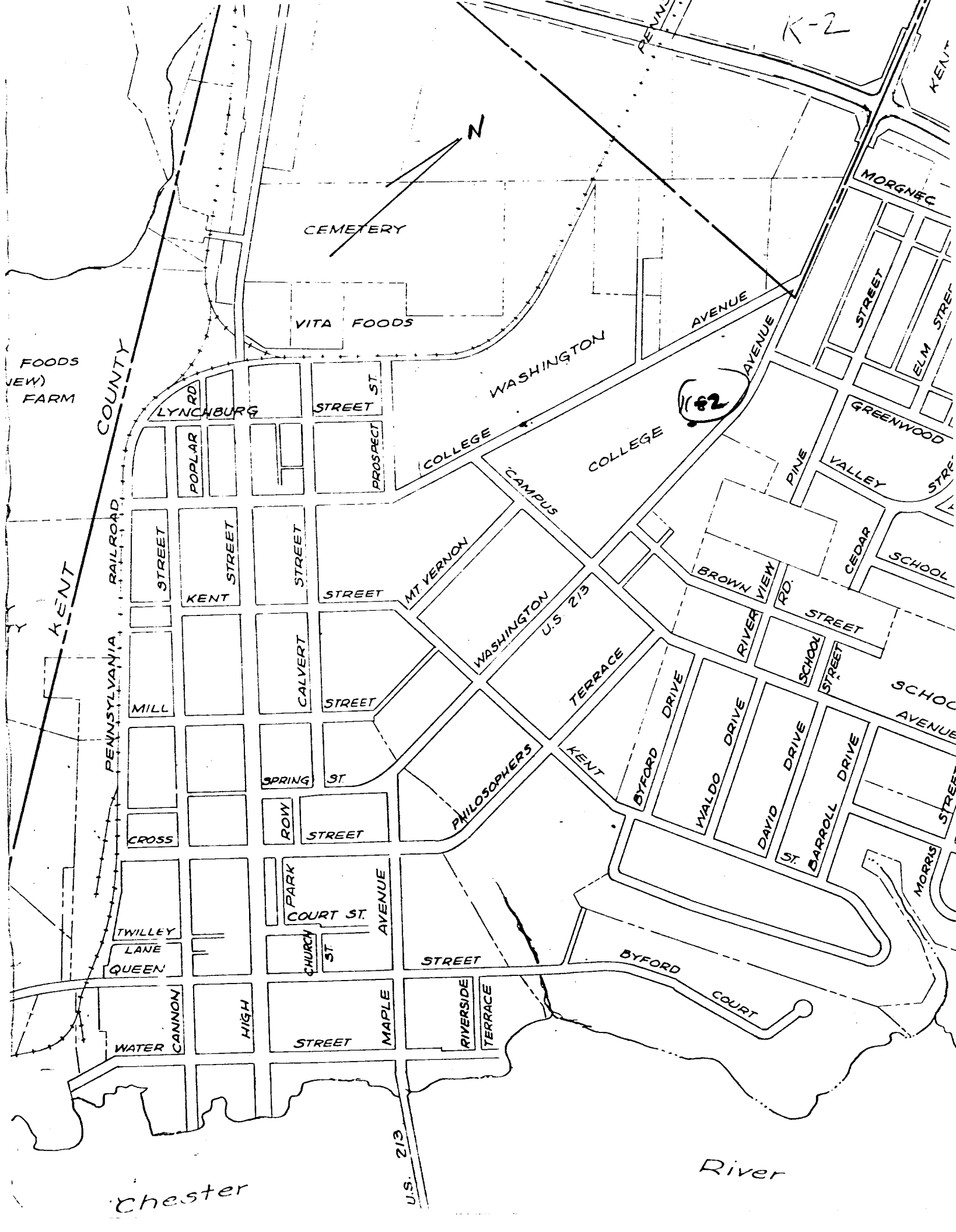
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FLOOR PLAN



WASHINGTON COLLEGE
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



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N

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS
(JEW)
FARM

KENT COUNTY
RAILROAD
PENNSYLVANIA

LYNCHBURG

POPLAR RD

STREET

KENT STREET

CALVERT STREET

MILL

CROSS

TWILLEY LANE
QUEEN

CANNON HIGH

WATER

STREET
PROSPECT ST

STREET

STREET

SPRING ST

ROW STREET

PARK COURT ST

CHURCH ST

AVENUE

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

STREET

U.S. 213

WASHINGTON

COLLEGE

CAMPUS

MT VERNON

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

TERRACE

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

BYFORD COURT

COURT

AVENUE

1162

PINE

GREENWOOD VALLEY

CEDAR

STREET

SCHOOL STREET

SCHOOL

SCHOOL AVENUE

MORRIS

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

River

Chester



K-2✓

Middle

East

West

view W

Oct 93

Andrews



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East Hall

Oct '93

Andrews

SW view

SW



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East Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

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KLM

First floor hallway

6/23/78



East Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

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KLM

Second floor room

6/23/78



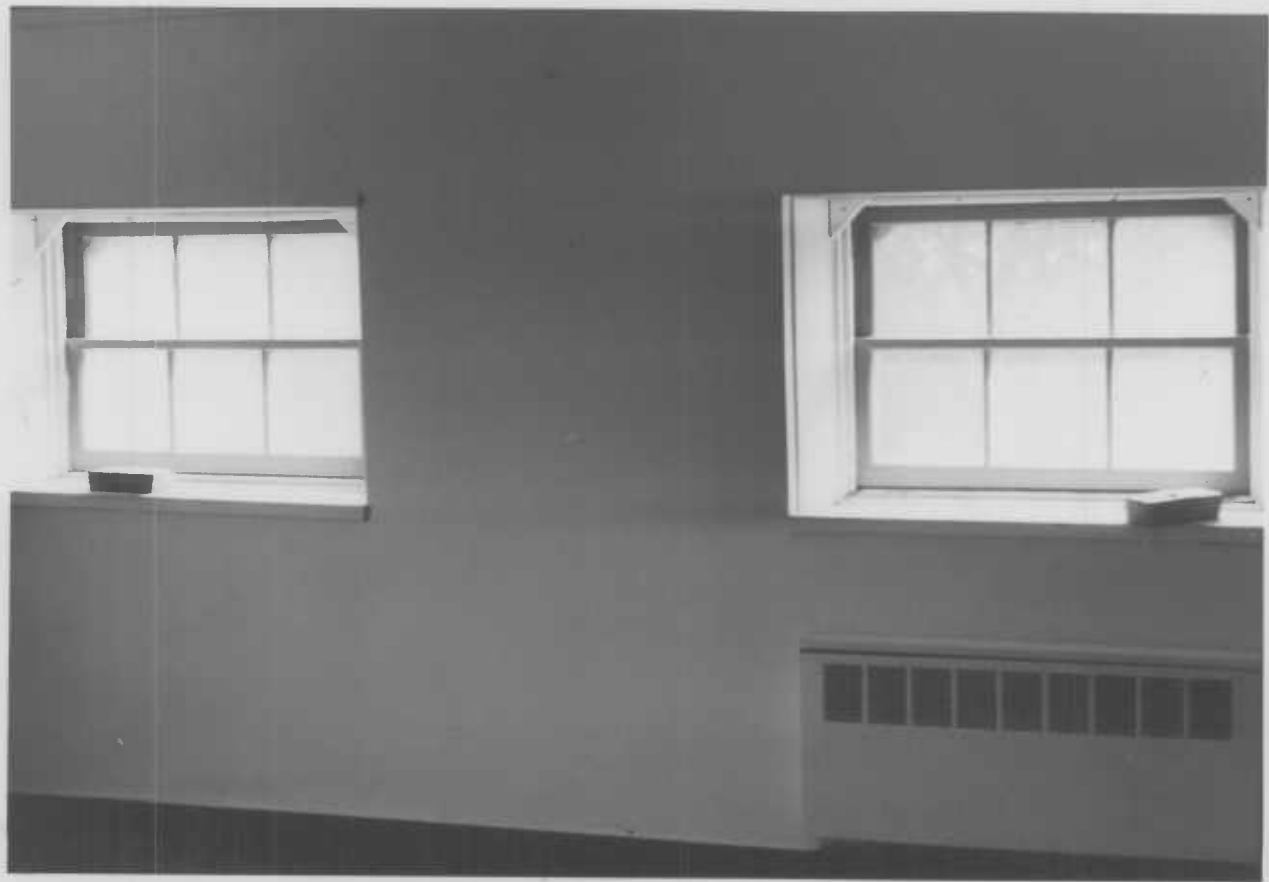
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Stairway - from 3rd floor

6/23/78



East Hall
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Third floor room

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1854

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STREET & NUMBER

Washington College campus

First

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

☒ EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

☒ OTHER dormitory

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Washington College

Telephone #: 778-2800

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk, Kent County

Liber #: SB 4

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

"Washington College Lands" Marion deK. Smith, Surveyor

DATE

October 9, 1882

___FEDERAL ___STATE ☒ COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Plot included with description of lands, Liber SB 4, Folio 224

Office of the County Clerk of Kent County

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

K-3

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

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West Hall is at the extreme west in a three-building cluster which faces south toward the downtown area of Chestertown from the crest of high ground at the center of the main Washington College campus.

It looks essentially as it did when it was built, though it, along with its sister buildings, Middle and East Halls, lost its portico's wooden handrail, newel posts, and turned balusters in the renovation of the late 1950's. The original interior has also been altered twice; the floor plan was converted to a dormitory arrangement early in the century, and the building's frame was strengthened with steel and its decaying floors, walls, and ceilings student-proofed in the late 1950's.

It is a three-story brick structure of no particular style, though obviously designed to fit harmoniously with the already existing slightly more elaborate (in its original form) and slightly larger Greek Revival style building (Middle Hall, see K-1) immediately east of it. It has a high basement of cut granite. It is three bays wide and five bays deep. There is a square-columned portico with wood steps; its handrails and newel posts are now of hollow metal pipe. There is a double door with transom and sidelights, both of which have been boarded up. The windows decrease in size on the second and third floors, though they are all six lights over six. They have flat arches above and limestone sills beneath. The bracketed cornice contains the gutter, ~~of gabled brick~~. There is a very low hipped roof which is made of tin.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES	Built: 1854	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
	Renovated: late 1950's		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As it stands, West Hall's architectural significance is small, though if it were restored - along with its sister buildings, Middle and East Halls - the three building cluster would take on considerable interest as a study in mid-nineteenth century classical restraint.

West Hall's place in the history of the college is as its second oldest existing structure, a distinction it shares with East Hall, built in the same year. Both buildings were begun and completed under the administration of the school's fourth president, Richard Ringgold, and dedicated by his successor, Reverend Dr. Francis Waters. West Hall was a student residence hall from the beginning on its second and third floors. The first floor served originally as a small auditorium and the basement first as a laboratory and later as a gymnasium. Like its sisters, West Hall was further subdivided and converted entirely to dormitory use early in the present century.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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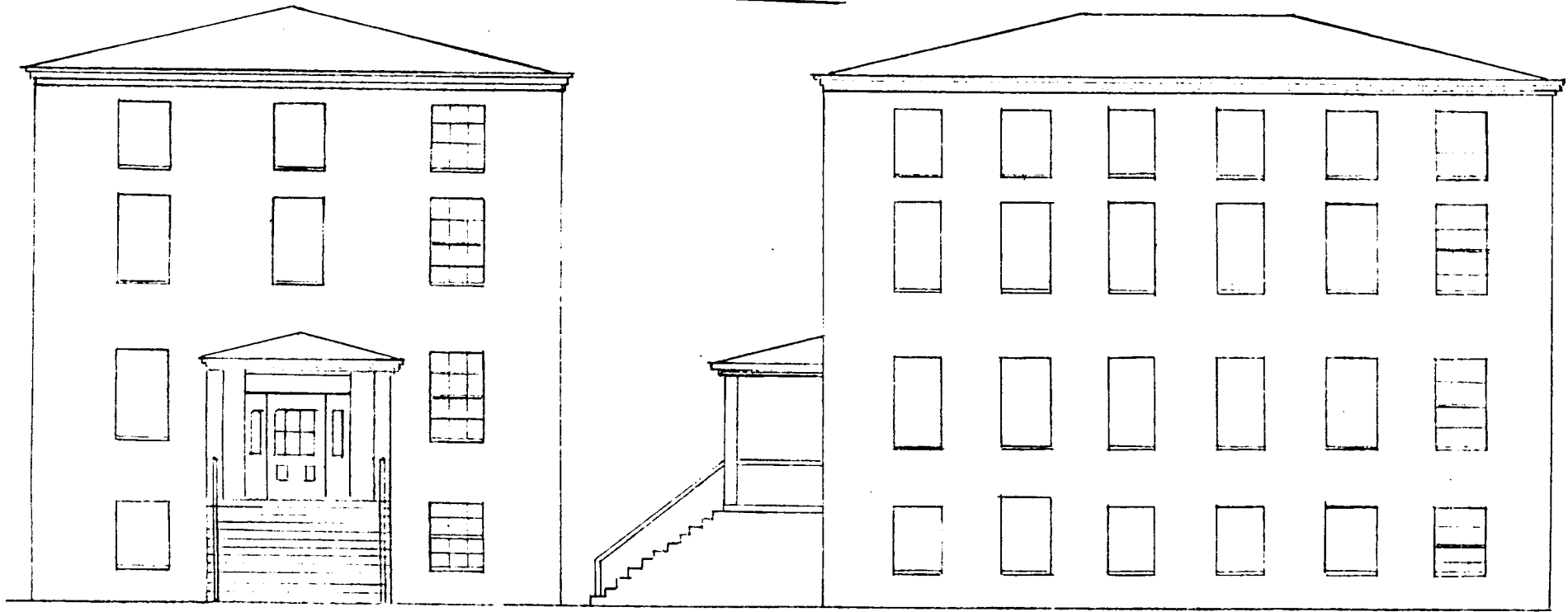
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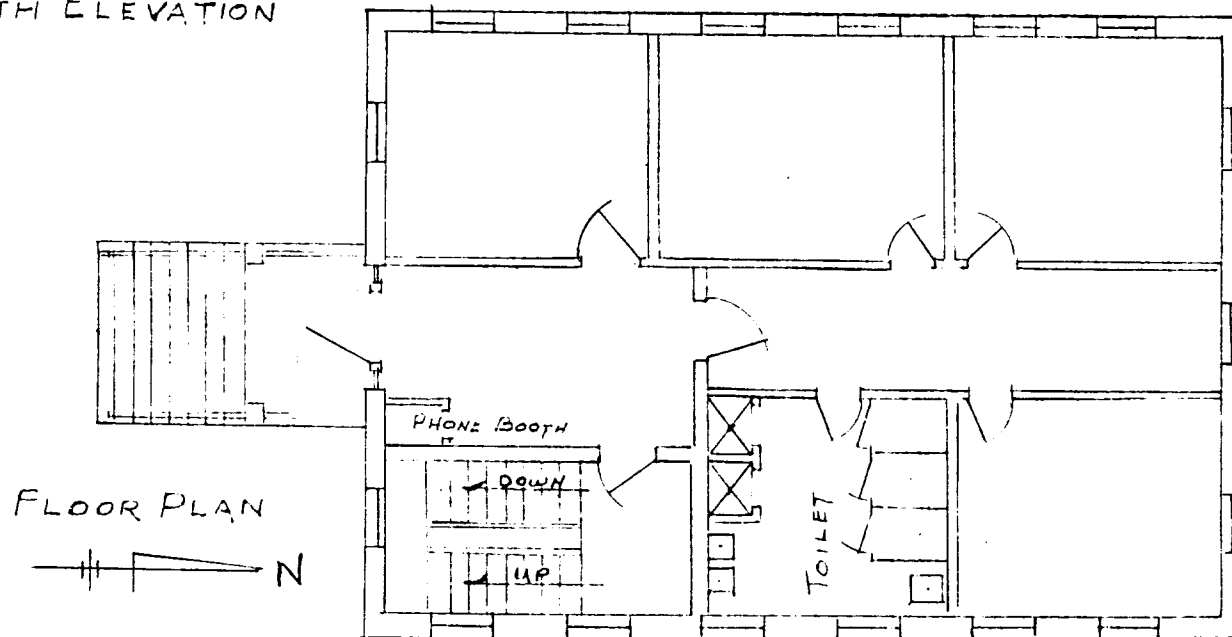
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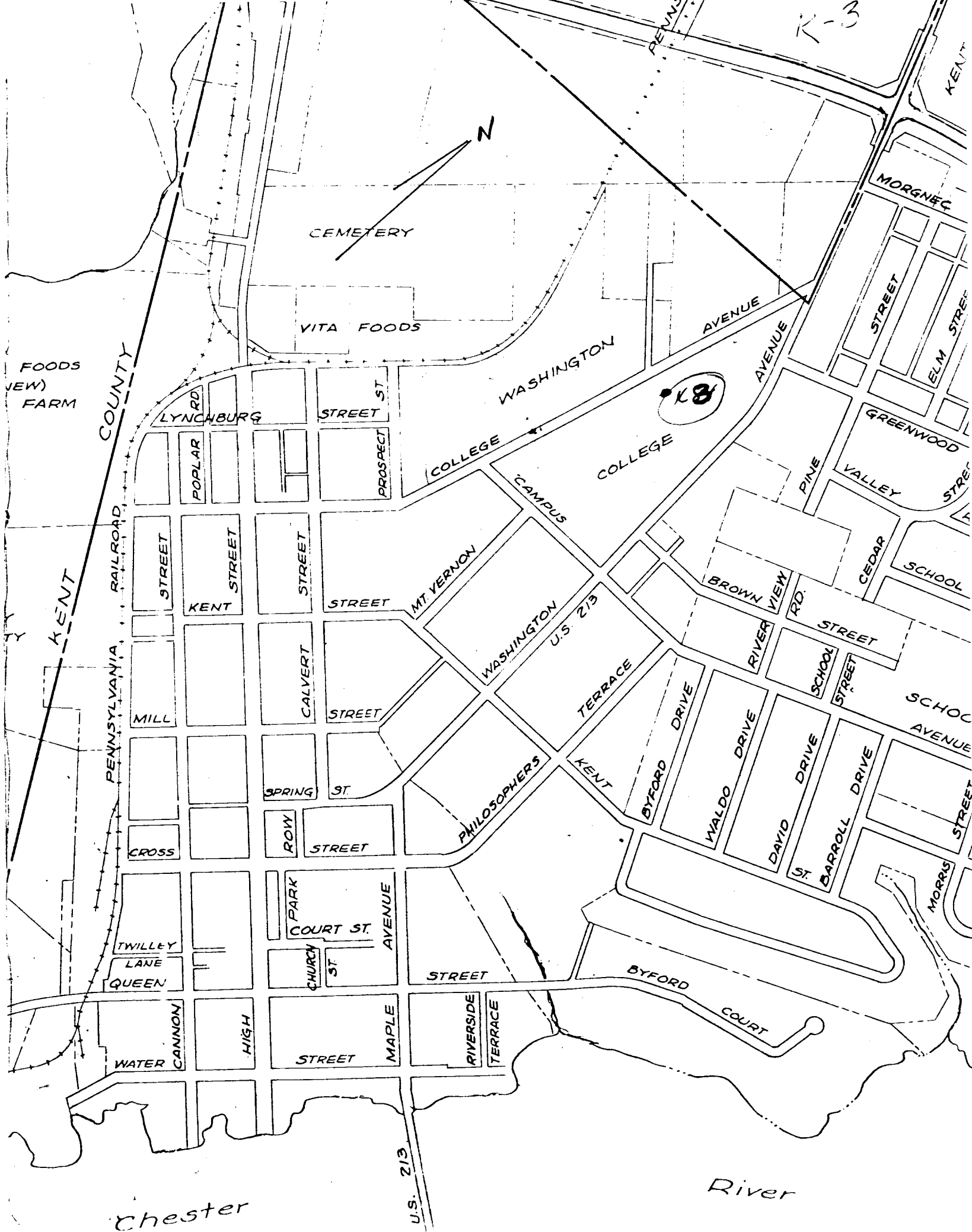
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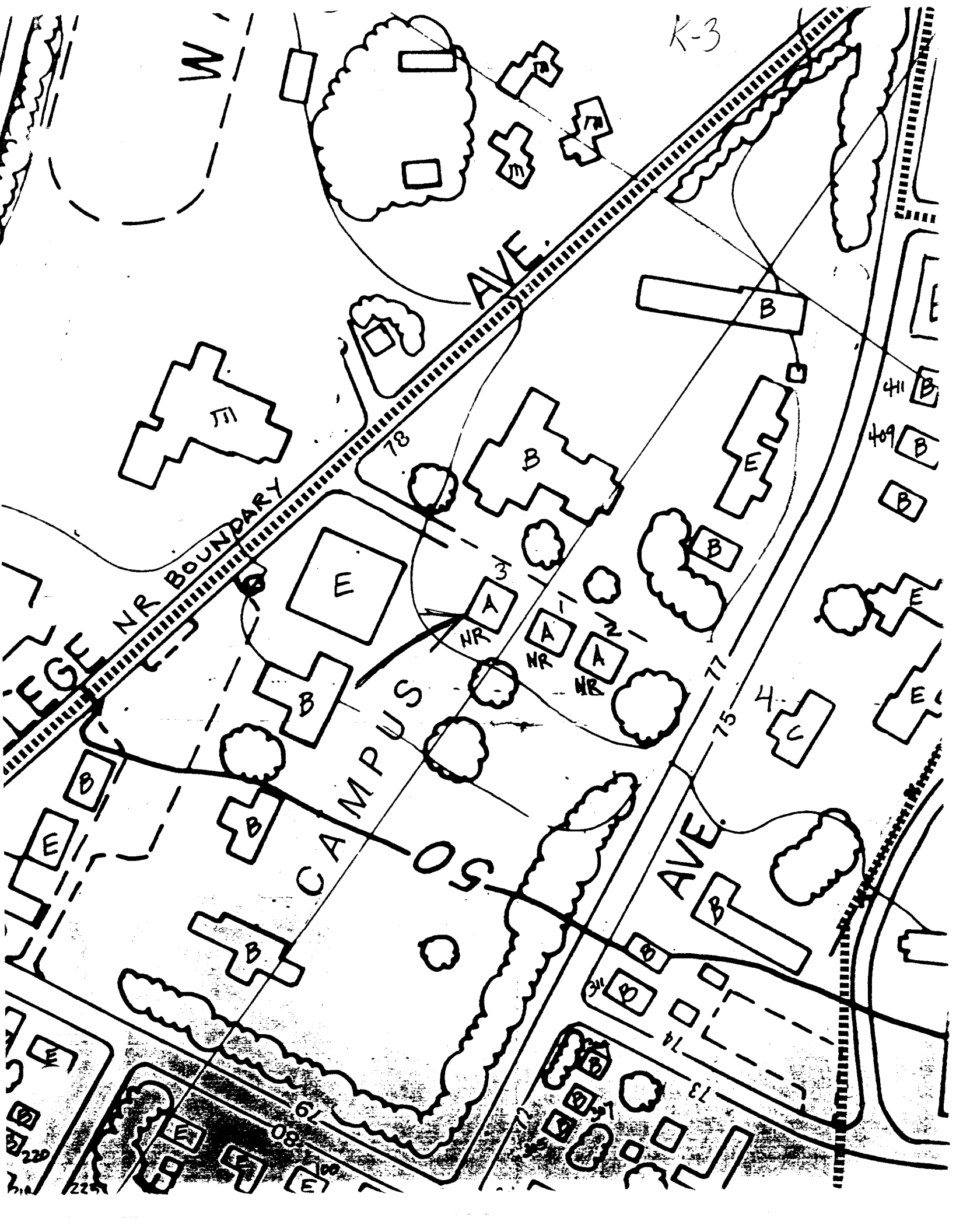


FLOOR PLAN

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CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



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Middle

East

West

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view West

Andrews



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West Hall

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SE view



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West Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

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First floor hallway

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West Hall
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Second floor hallway

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West Hall
Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

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Second floor room

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West Hall
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Third floor hallway

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